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AAA Girls Go Undeclared In Suburban Play



FOR THE FIRST TIME, an Agawam Athletic Association sponsored suburban basketball team has gone through an entire season undefeated! The 7th-8th grade girls' team, coached by Bob Hersey and Mike Martin, was a perfect 23-0 and recently won the prestigious Chicopee Invitational Tournament. Team members are, back row, from left - Martin, Jennifer Scaggs, Traci Trudel, Amy Fetherston, Cathy Scaggs, Tricia Rea, and Hersey. Front row - Donna Grasso, Missy Brown, Alana Graham, Karen Patterson, Missy DesRosiers, and Lori DeSimone.

To All Clubs & Service Orgs.

The Agawam Advertiser News, in conjunction with the Agawam Public Library, will be publishing the popular "Community Directory" as a free public service in the Annual Town Report, to be published in May. Please call the library at 789-1550 to make sure the correct information about your club or organization is listed. The deadline for this is NO LATER than April 15th. All clubs and service organizations in Agawam qualify, so don't miss out on this opportunity to be listed in a most valuable town resource.

DeForge Supports Mayor Charter

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Councilor and former Charter Commissioner Philip DeForge today announced he now favors the creation of a new charter commission to present a mayoral form of government before the voters.

Finds Fault

DeForge, who served on the commission which created the present manager/council government in 1971, said he finds fault with the present system and believes a majority of townspeople are now ready and would favor a mayor form of town government.

DeForge said his basic concern with the present system resulted from the amount of authority concentrated in the manager's office and that the office is not directly responsible to the electorate.

"I think it's past due time for a change," DeForge said of the manager form of government. He noted that neighboring communities with mayor charters had smoother transitions from one administration to the next.

He also noted that pressures faced by both these administrative and legislative bodies from voters helped to foster better communication in city and town government.

DeForge also said an administrator, elected by the local voters, would enjoy a more equal political status with the council.

"Right now, the council is the manager's employer for the town. A manager can't really take the council to task for anything he might feel has been done improperly," DeForge said.

He added, "Too often, the manager is pulled in different directions by various councilors with differing concerns. Though each councilor has the best intentions of the town at heart, the fact is that the manager can't please them all. He may then leave himself subject to criticism which he can't defend himself against."

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Agawam Lions Sure Know Their Corned Beef



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Joe DePalo, Tom Vella, Ron Mesick, and Frank Chriscola prepare the tender corned beef for the Annual Lions Club Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on Wednesday, March 17th. (SEE more photos on Page 15). Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

Melconian Announces Insurance Hearing

As Senate Chairwoman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Insurance, Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today announced that the committee will hold a special public hearing in Springfield, on Friday, March 29th, at City Hall, Room 218, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

This public hearing, the only one to be held by the Insurance Committee outside of the State House and Boston, will focus exclusively on the issue of auto insurance.

"The purpose of this hearing is to afford the citizens of Western Massachusetts an unprecedented opportunity to voice their concerns, support and/or opposition to auto insurance legislation which is pending before the committee," said Senator Melconian.

"As Senate chairwoman of the Insurance Committee, I firmly believe that it is very important for Western Massachusetts citizens to have input into decisions that affect auto insurance laws. This public hearing, which I have requested, gives to our area the appropriate forum to assure that input," she said.

Legislative proposals under active consideration by the Insurance Committee, which will be of particular concern to Western Massachusetts consumers at the Springfield hearing, include the Governor's Auto Insurance Rate Reduction Package, Senator Melconian's bill to increase competition and reduce costs in auto insurance, and finally, a bill sponsored by several Western Massachusetts legislators to lessen the territorial auto rate burden which subsidizes Boston.

These and other auto insurance issues are of vital importance to Western Massachusetts residents.

"All too often, the Insurance Committee hearings in Boston are dominated by spokesmen for the insurance companies and Consumer Advocate groups. This hearing in Springfield will provide a unique opportunity for the working man and woman to express their views and concerns," noted Senator Melconian.

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DeForge also said he hoped a charter commission would address the make-up of the council, reducing its membership from the present 15 to 9.

DeForge said that a 15-member council has shown to become unwieldy, and that 9-members would still present a diversity of opinions. "But with six less people, the situation would become more manageable from the legislative standpoint," DeForge said.

The Precinct 5 councilor said he favored the election of 9 councilors at-large (on a townwide basis), instead of emphasizing the precinct representation the town presently employs.

"Right now, a citizen can't vote for more than five of the council's 15 members, three at-large and two from a precinct. Further, it takes eight councilors to vote in a manager, yet the people only get to vote for five in all. This isn't right," DeForge said.

He continued, "At one time precinct representation was important, but right now any concerns in the town tend to be concerns of the full council. The need for precinct representation has left us."

In a related matter, there will be a meeting for citizens wishing to become involved in a charter change for a mayoral form of government on Tuesday, March 26th, at the Agawam Public Library. The meeting has been scheduled by Councilor Paul Trimboli.

Council Accepts Offer To Drop Suit

by Stuart Parker

Advertiser News Political Writer

The 13-month suit between former Town Manager Edward Caba, joined by 14 citizens, and Town Council, which charged the council with a violation of the open meeting law, seems to have ended. The council voted on Monday night, March 18th, to accept a proposal from Caba's attorneys that the suit be dismissed.

Town Council special attorneys Peter Brady and Norman Ogan appeared before the council Monday night to recommend that the council approve dismissing the suit. Brady and Ogan said the proposal was initiated by attorneys Theodore Dimauro and Constance Sweeney of Springfield, Caba's legal representatives.

First Attempt To Remove Caba

The suit was filed in February 1984 following the first council attempt to remove Caba from office.

Caba and the 14 citizens alleged that a majority of councilors had met, or discussed plans by phone, concerning Caba's dismissal prior to voting on the matter.

While a court injunction over the council's actions to terminate Caba temporarily returned him to office, the council successfully removed him in July.

Prior to Caba's final termination, Dimauro presented the council with a proposal offering Caba's resignation and the dismissal of the suit for \$75,000.

The council balked at the proposal, stating Caba was entitled to approximately \$32,000 in vacation time and sick leave buy-back.

The proposal adopted by the council Monday night included no financial exchanges between the town and Caba, but held three points of condition.

The conditions were: 1) that each party assume its own legal expenses; 2) that neither party reinstate the suit based on the same allegations; and 3) that the use of evidence gathered as a result of the case could be used in separate legal action.

The conditions were accepted by the council in a 7-5 vote.

Council Vice-President Daniel Lacienski said he supported the conditions. He pointed out that the councilors as individuals would be free to take action against the plaintiffs for malicious prosecution and abusive action.

Lacienski continued, "I have no argument with any citizen's right to disagree with its officials, but I object to the filing of an expensive and frivolous law suit against the town."

Rep. Michael Walsh Schedules Office Hours

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced that he will be holding office hours in the following towns during the months of March and April.

Tolland - Saturday, March 23rd, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Granville - Monday, March 25th, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Southwick - Wednesday, March 27th, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Chester - Monday, April 1st, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Russell - Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Agawam - Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Town Library.

NOTE: Agawam office hours are cancelled for Saturday, April 6th, due to the Easter holiday.

Lacienski noted that depositions taken from 12 of the 15 plaintiffs indicated the plaintiffs had no knowledge of a council violation of the open meeting law.

Councilor Peter Longo said he would support the proposal, but said he found the suit to be a form of "harrasment" and "intimidation", intended to sway the council from voting for Caba's dismissal.

"It appears one councilor, Andrew Gallano, engineered this suit, but it didn't work because enough of the council had the integrity to stand by their vote and do the right thing," Longo said.

Council President Donald M. Rheault called acceptance of the proposal "unpalatable", but said he too would support it for the purpose of curtailing the town's legal expenses.

"There was never a violation of the open meeting law to my knowledge, and I believe this would be proved by the courts," said Rheault. "But I'm not prepared to enter into the courtroom to make a \$7,000 point (estimated cost of legal expenses for a trial)."

Gallano Had Contact With Citizens

Gallano, who according to Brady was named by most or all of the 12 plaintiffs for having contacted them prior to the suit's filing, responded to Longo, "You've got to have marbles in your head if you believe 14 citizens took legal action at the direction of any one individual."

Longo said later that the depositions clearly state that Gallano contacted "these people about the matter" and that he has learned that in the deposition given by Gallano to Brady, Gallano denied this.

"I think the contradictions involved here speak for themselves," said Longo.

"This legal expense was initiated by the old guard of Agawam who have had their private political dynasty and a stranglehold for a good many years."

Councilors voting for accepting the plaintiff's offer after reconsideration of the initial vote were Mario DeLucchi, Paul Paleologopoulos, Alfred Trehey, Gallano, Rheault, Lacienski, and Longo.

Councilors voting against the proposal were Paul Trimboli, Neil Blatt, Philip DeForge, Thomas Locke, and Jack Shaughnessy.

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, March 26th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 27th
Special Council Meeting
Manager Selection
Site To Be Determined

Wednesday, March 27th
Board of Appeals Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Monday, April 1st
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

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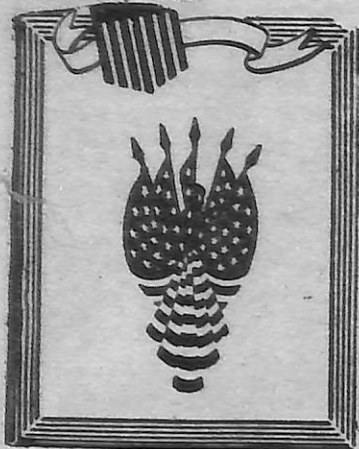
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Marilyn & Dick Curry

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: In the first of a two part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry recall how an old animal cemetery in Feeding Hills was discovered, on the newly developed side streets of Robin Ridge Drive. Part II is next week.

Feeding Hills' Animal Cemetery

It was one of those perfect April days in spring of 1982. The sun was shining, yet the weatherman had forecast rain for that evening. Being a Saturday, we were occupied with the usual spring cleanup in the yard.

About noontime, we received a phone call from an interested resident living on one of the newly developed side streets just off Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills. The call had an air of immediate importance! Thanks to the alertness of this interested, but newly arrived citizen of Feeding Hills, we were informed of a cemetery that seemed imperiled by the steel blade of modern development.

What appeared to be a cemetery with appropriate headstones, the area in question was fast undergoing a significant change in topography, via the bulldozer.

It was probable that the site would be totally leveled in a matter of a few days. Since it was the weekend, there was little time to inquire about the proper procedure necessary for a complete investigation.

Of course, we dropped everything we were doing and immediately drove to the scene. Indeed, this citizen had been correct in detecting that development was as close to the destruction of the site as it might possibly be, considering the fact that a number of tall trees, particularly pines, had already toppled within the confines of the cemetery.

We managed to work our way cautiously about the fallen debris and with some effort, we were soon upon the site of what obviously was a cemetery.

Intermingled with fallen timbers and overgrown bushes, headstone after headstone earmarked the sacred resting place of someone or something! Most of the stones were overturned, undoubtedly victims of the 1979 tornado that had devastated the young pine grove so familiar to passersby (along North Westfield Street that parallels Robinson Park).

Site Enclosed By Fence

Along with what appeared to be the outer periphery of the cemetery was at least one granite post, followed by a number of stout wooden posts, all of which served at one time as a fence to enclose the site.

Some of the upturned headstones showed evidence of having been set in a base of concrete. Most of the white limestone markers seemed intact, with a variety of surnames, both male and female. What puzzled us most was the fact that on no stone was there a family name. Still, the markers were obviously professionally carved.

During the few hours we spent inspecting the cemetery, we were unable to get an accurate measurement of the enclosure, due to the amount of briars, brush, and fallen trees.

By now, the sun was setting behind Provin Mountain and we decided to leave the premises with a promise to begin an immediate inquiry. It was certain we would return on the morrow for further examination of the area, while at the same time, we hoped to get as many photographs as possible.

Returning home, our first inclination was to refer to the town history by historian Edith LaFrancis. We were not surprised that Edith, being the accurate historical researcher that she is, did indeed mention the cemetery. In speaking of the "Lost Cemetery," Mrs. LaFrancis made the following distinction:

"This cemetery (the Lost Cemetery) should not be confused with one farther down on North Westfield Street where there are headstones and names, and which was the site of burials of animals on the former Smith farm." The then questionable site was definitely identified.

Having worked on several previous projects with the Massachusetts State Historical Commission, we realized that cemeteries within the Commonwealth were considered historical landmarks, therefore secure from impending development and desecration.

However, it was uncertain if an animal cemetery was eligible for preservation under state law! Unfortunately, as time progressed, we were able to learn that such cemeteries are not covered by the protective hand of the state. To animal lovers, as indeed to those inclined toward historical preservation, there seems some reason to feel somewhat resentful, but such are the ways of the law.

SEE ANIMAL CEMETERY - Page 4...



SOME OF THE HEADSTONES LOCATED at the former Feeding Hills Animal Cemetery, discovered in 1982, are now at the home of local Agawam historians Marilyn & Dick Curry. The stones were discovered on newly developed side streets off Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills, but were hidden by fallen trees and brush. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Following the identification of the animal cemetery, we contacted Dr. Melvin Williams, noted author and lecturer on early New England Burial Grounds. Fortunately, Mel was at home!

Upon hearing of the discovery, Dr. Williams seemed elated. He immediately suggested that a description of the headstones might possibly date the site to mid-19th century, since white limestone was characteristic of that period of time.

He was further interested in the fact that the cemetery was dedicated to animals. Because of its apparent past care, it might be worthy of consideration for preservation.

Dr. Williams again suggested that we take photographs of the site as soon as possible, while making every effort to contact the property owner with the hope that the cemetery might be properly preserved.

But again, this was the weekend and time being of the utmost importance, we made a final phone call to a local Feeding Hills developer with the hope that further information might be obtained concerning the present owner of the land.

Surprisingly enough, the gentleman in question was the former owner of the property. He advised that while he no longer owned the land, he did suggest that we proceed to remove the headstones with the promise that he would obtain the "right to trespass" when the present owner returned.

An Arduous Task

The following morning dawned bright and clear. Having secured a pick-up truck, armed with several crow bars and shovels, we returned to the landmark.

If at first we thought the removal of the headstones would prove a simple task, we soon realized it was an almost impossible undertaking. After first taking as many photographs as we thought necessary, we started removing the stones. Indeed, each one became more difficult. Although we were able to remove most of the stones, a few remained.

The final task was in loading these heavyweight monuments from the point of recovery some distance, before they were loaded onto the pick-up.

After several hours, we at last succeeded in saving all but one or two pieces, finally unloading them at a secure place, safe from further destruction.

At this very moment in time, the rescued headstones remain somewhat safe in the hope that one day a suitable site will be appropriated for at least some semblance of man's respect for other forms of animal life. This is especially true since the point in question is so relevant to local history!

Although it came to naught that efforts were finally made to save a small, but nonetheless historical landmark in our town and village, the fact does remain that this site was appropriately designated at an earlier time, through the awareness of a concerned farmer.

Area Households Save On Fuel Bills, Says Gas Company

More than 46,000 Springfield area households saved a total of \$7.8 million on their fuel bills last year by heating with natural gas instead of oil. Each of these gas-heating customers of Bay State Gas Company saved on the average about \$170 for the year.

Western Massachusetts oil prices averaged \$1.158 per gallon during 1984, compared with an average of \$.89 for the equivalent amount of natural gas (1.4 therms).

The typical Bay State Gas residential heating customer used 890 therms of gas for space heating in 1984, which cost \$566 for the year. The price for the equivalent amount of heating oil averaged \$736 for the year.

This comparison is based on monthly heating oil prices for full-service, 30-day payment accounts as reported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources, and monthly Bay State Gas prices for the space-heating portion of typical residential customers' gas bills.

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Melconian Files Insurance Legislation

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Senate Chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Insurance, today announced that she has filed legislation which would "increase competition and help to reduce auto insurance costs for consumers."

The cornerstone of Senator Melconian's proposal allows for more cost effective application and more accessibility to policyholders of group auto insurance plans.

By removing some of the statutory restrictions which have hampered previous development of group auto insurance, the Melconian proposal creates the necessary incentives for consumers to participate in group auto insurance policies: rates would be based on the group experience rather than on a territorial structure, as currently established by the insurance commissioner.

Beneficial To Western Massachusetts

"Group auto insurance is especially beneficial to Western Massachusetts citizens," pointed out Senator Melconian, "because 25 or more people, through an employer-based association, such as a union, will be able to control their own auto insurance costs."

"The group will pay for its own accidents and the claims and losses it incurs. The group's good driving record will directly affect its rates."

Under the Melconian proposal, administrative costs of group auto insurance would be reduced since the group is paying for one policy premium instead of 25 individual policy premiums.

To encourage the group auto insurance concept, Senator Melconian's bill opens up competition in the underwriting of auto insurance by providing an opportunity for auto insurance agents to give rebates or returns back to the consumers.

Under current law, the agent's commission is fixed by the insurance commissioner at a rate of 16 1/4%. That means, approximately 16.25% of a policyholder's premium, whether compulsory or comprehensive, pays for an agent's fee or commission. Agents are precluded by state statute from discounting, rebating or competing on the basis of price.

Competition For Consumer Business

"I believe there should be competition among auto insurance agents for consumer business. For the small, local Western Massachusetts agent, group auto insurance policies reduce his or her underwriting, ad-

ministrative costs and expenses. With group auto insurance and the repeal of the "Anti-Rebate Law," the agent competes through rebates and discounts for dollar volume premiums, thereby offering savings directly to the policyholding consumer."

The third element of the Melconian proposal establishes an "HMO concept" for auto body repair shops. "It's a known fact that a group health insurance policy is less expensive than an individual policy," observed Senator Melconian.

"Nearly 60% of auto insurance premiums which have comprehensive and collision coverage pay for auto repair damage."

The Melconian proposal allows insurers of group auto plans to make contracts with preferred auto body shops, based on quality of service and workmanship at controlled costs.

"Expenses for auto body repair work will be reduced through implementation of my bill," stated Senator Melconian. "In opening up competition for business with auto repair shops, the owners are encouraged to offer discounts to attract group insurers, and at the same time, they are guaranteed business."

"Furthermore, auto repair shops will have to keep prices for parts and labor reasonable to attract business from individual policyholders," she said.

The final provision of the Melconian legislation would place more stringent "full disclosure" and "accuracy of reporting" requirements of actual, paid out and incurred losses by insurance companies.

"This proposal is innovative and progressive in targeting areas for increased competition in the auto insurance arena. Competition among agents and auto repair shops will lower the price of insurance premiums," Senator Melconian said.

"Group auto insurance policies help to make that competition viable by making discounts and savings to the consumer an attractive incentive, and by exercising greater leverage to bring costs down with respect to agents and repair shops."

"As Senate Chairwoman of the Insurance Committee, one of my highest priorities is to reduce auto rates for Western Massachusetts auto consumers. I firmly believe that this bill would eliminate some of the fat in the system that is passed on to our consumers through their auto insurance rates," she concluded.

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Melconian Supports Bill For Insurance Of Pregnant Women

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced her unwavering support for a bill which ensures that all private health policies, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Health Maintenance Organizations, group or non-group, provide coverage for pregnancy related services and expenses of everyone insured by the policy.

Senator Melconian, the Insurance Committee Chairwoman, amended this bill, sponsored by Senator Backman (D-Brookline), to include language for "prenatal care, childbirth, and post partum care."

Chairwoman Melconian submitted the amended version for review by members of the committee which will act on the legislation this week.

"I strongly support this bill because it makes prenatal care accessible and affordable for all women in the Commonwealth, and it is a positive alternative to abortion. It eliminates economic hardship as a reason for choosing abortion. I will use all my efforts as Senate chairwoman to see that it is favorably reported by the Insurance Committee to the full Senate," said the Senator.

She pointed out that of the 24 major insurance carriers of group health insurance policies in Massachusetts, 20% do not carry maternity benefits; none of the non-group or individual health care policies provide these benefits, and only 20% of group family contracts provide pregnancy related expenses for dependents.

"I firmly believe that health insurance coverage should be provided for prenatal care, childbirth and post-partum care regardless of whether or not an insurer is covered by an individual or family contract."

Without this new legislation, women who need pregnancy related services are forced to purchase more costly family coverage if they can afford the additional \$300.

Those who can not, particularly the poor, single head of households, must face the risk of late, discontinuous or no prenatal care, conditions which directly cause low birthweight births and infant mortality. Statistics compiled by the Department of Public Health show that babies born to Massachusetts women who have inadequate pre-natal care have a neo-natal mortality rate ten times greater, and a low birthweight rate five times greater than for women who receive adequate care.

Low birthweight babies are at a higher risk for later health and developmental problems and for severe growth retardation.

The estimated cost of having a baby without maternity complications is \$3,000. The estimated cost of having a child when unnecessary complications are faced for mother and child can easily reach as high as \$80,000.

Pre-natal care directly contributes to the health of mothers and their babies and results in great savings to society. For every three dollars spent on pre-natal care, \$10 will be saved because healthy babies are born. This bill will go a long way to bring healthy babies to full term delivery and reduce infant mortality, she said.

Most insurance policies do not provide for pregnancy related expenses for the dependent child. This bill provides for this kind of coverage for dependent insurers under a family contract.

Teenage mothers are particularly at risk and are 2½ times more likely to have pregnancy complications, such as still births, low birthweight babies, and maternal mortality, than older women.

"We cannot be naive; teenage pregnancy is a reality in our state and across the nation, and cannot be ignored. In 1983, the latest year for which statistics were available, a total of 7,000 births to teenage mothers occurred, of which 2,400 were born to minors under the age of 16," said the Senator.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has estimated that the additional cost for providing maternity benefits of prenatal care, childbirth and post-partum, for family dependents under its group family contract, would be only 77 cents per month for the policy holder.

Private insurance plans must provide coverage for any medical condition a woman might experience, at the same level of benefits for maternity-related conditions, as well as benefits for other conditions they service.

Presently, most health plans are limited to a reimbursement of less than 50% for pregnancy related expenses, but allow for 80% reimbursement for other medical expenses.

Registry of Deeds

Total documents for week ending March 8th, 1985

REGISTRY		LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	150	Deeds	9
Mortgages	177	Mortgages	8
Discharges	199	Discharges	20
Foreclosures	1	Foreclosures	0
Attachments	17	Attachments	1
Miscellaneous	537	Miscellaneous	15
Total	1,081	Total	53

Submitted by Donald E. Ashe

BEST HOMETOWN NEWS

Manager Finalists To Appear In Town For Interviews

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

The manager search committee has announced the full council will hold interviews with the five finalists for the town manager's post on Saturday, March 23rd, and Monday, March 25th.

Committee Chairman Peter Longo said today the council would meet three finalists on Saturday, with the first interview to begin at 10:00 a.m., the second at 1:00 p.m., and the third at 3:00 p.m.

Longo hopes to secure the Agawam Public Library for the interviews.

Longo said other two finalists would appear before the council on Monday night. The first would appear at 7:00 p.m., and the second candidate at 9:00 p.m.

Longo has not yet released the names of the finalists, and said two of the candidates have expressed concern that their names not be made public, even during the course of the interviews.

Longo said he will respect the rights of the candidates to remain anonymous until a final candidate is chosen.

Longo said, "There's no point in jeopardizing a man's job by making his name public unless he's chosen as the manager."

The position is currently filled by Katherine Pisano who accepted the position following former Town Manager Edward Caba's dismissal last July.

The position presently pays a \$39,000 annual salary, with nearly \$10,000 in additional benefits.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 4, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. This hearing will be to hear the petition of John DePalma, for White Brook Estates, Definitive Plan, Phase II.
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
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The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972, to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Business B to Residential A-3 for land located on the South side of Tennis Rd., Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning as a point on the Southeast side of Tennis Road said point marking the Northeast corner of property herein described and the Northwest corner of land of Double D Realty, Inc.; running thence S 31 40 11 E along land of Double D Realty, Inc. a distance of 150.58 ft. to a point; thence continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. and land of Cassidy S 7 16 54 E a distance of 606.14 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land S 52 34 08 W a distance of 147.38 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land S 63 12 26 W a distance of 177.18 ft. to a point; thence turning and continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. S 18 47 34 E a distance of 400 ft. to a point at other land of Brooks; thence turning and running along last named land N 75 25 03 W a distance of 319.28 ft. to a point and N 37 33 38 W a distance of 170 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses

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The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on the above petitioned zone change of Voss Limited Partnership.

U. Retzler
Town Council Clerk
Published: March 21st, 1985

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Editorial

Gallano, Moreno Combine To Criticize Manager Search Procedure

Whenever former Town Councilor Valentine R. Moreno and present Councilor At-Large Andrew C. Gallano agree on an issue, it certainly merits further investigation.

That's what happened recently when both political figures criticized Town Manager Search Committee Chairman Peter Longo for withholding the names of the five finalists for the job.

After some discussion with several former members of both the Town Council and the Agawam School Committee, we found that both Mr. Moreno and Councilor Gallano's criticism in the press were models of inconsistency and without substance.

Aside from a few technical variations, we found that previous search processes for town managers and superintendent of schools were conducted in a veil of privacy, just as the current search for town manager.

This theme was very clear in our polling of former officials about the right to privacy one should enjoy when applying for a job.

Then why all the noise from Mr. Moreno and Councilor Gallano?

We view Mr. Moreno's anger about the manner in which the present manager search is being handled as rooted in his status as a candidate for the job.

Simply, Mr. Moreno was upset because he failed to receive the sufficient number of votes to become a finalist.

Furthermore, Mr. Moreno is no longer an elected public official and what he says represents the thoughts of a private citizen no longer in the public spotlight.

As for Councilor Gallano, his rhetoric, as an elected official, reflects badly on the community and proves he continues to be a melting pot of discontent for reasons of personality politics. It also reveals that Councilor Gallano has little or no understanding of the confidentiality creed during an executive search.

Councilor Gallano apparently feels finalists who come to Agawam to be interviewed are involved in some type of card game or "gamble", as he stated. Gallano said, "Any candidate that contemplates leaving a community ought to be honest enough with his present employers to inform them he is searching (for new employment) and has a possibility of going somewhere else."

Gallano added, "If he was our manager, I think he would owe it to us to say he is looking around (for other work). That is the nature of the business and the gamble they take. And they ought not to say to us keep my name secret and if I get the job I'll take it."

What a silly statement from a veteran political figure. This type of public naivete speaks poorly about an individual who prides

himself as a champion of our present town charter. His statement about a candidate's "honesty" certainly is not germane to the issue and is another burden of proof about his being in the dark on personnel matters.

Anytime a man applies for a job in an executive search, he certainly has the right to do so in circumstances that won't jeopardize his present employment - the same job that feeds his family.

Already, according to Longo, the town has lost two candidates who were finalists because the men feared release of their names would jeopardize their present employment.

Perhaps, the difference between Councilor Gallano's "gamble approach" and what an executive search entails, is best explained by former school board chairman Frank R. Locke, now a high-ranking official in the private sector.

Mr. Locke said, "I was chairman when the committee (school) looked for two superintendents. I received between 40-45 resumes each time and from there, I would summarize each resume and present them to the school board members. Certainly, there were no identities revealed. After we narrowed the field, I then would present the full resumes to the committee but without the candidates' names."

"When a candidate was interviewed, his name was not divulged, even to the board members, unless the individual gave his permission. All interviews were held in executive session. Even when we chose our finalist, we would not divulge his name until a proper background check was made and a contract was agreed-upon by both the School Committee and the candidate."

Mr. Locke added, "When you are searching for a man to run the schools or the town, an air of privacy is the only way to be fair and professional. As far as I can tell, what's happening in town now is based on the same approach we had."

Mr. Locke even went as far as stating that if a candidate wished to make his name public, he would not do so. "I didn't believe it was in the interest or the spirit of the search to be someone's public relations arm. If the candidate's name leaked out, it was not because of our breaking the confidentiality rule."

Discussion with former Town Council President Julio Alvirgini, as well as former search committee members, councilors Kenneth Barnes and Walter T. Kerr, further substantiate that the present search process is much similar to those in the past.

Other council and school board members polled followed basically the same line.

Alvirgini, who was involved in the first town manager search back in the early

1970's, told us, "The paramount thing about such a search is respecting the wishes of the candidates. If they don't want their names revealed, then that should be respected. We didn't reveal the names of the candidates. Each councilor had a resume with a name scratched-off to protect the individual applicant."

"The names of the finalists were not revealed until the interviews. I find there is not much variation between what was done then and what's being done now, from what I understand. One variation is that Councilor Longo seems to be playing it closer to the vest."

Barnes said the only individual who knew the names of the finalists was the search committee chairman. "I don't remember ever being told, as a search committee member, the names of the finalists until the actual interviews themselves. It's the only way to conduct such a search. If it's not conducted in a business-like manner, the potential exists for candidates to be badgered or even embarrassed just because they applied for a job or came here for an interview."

Kerr told us, "From what I can gather, there's no real difference on the way the present manager search is being conducted in terms of respecting candidates' privacy, from the one I was involved with. The chairman was the one who knew the names of the finalists. Respecting someone's privacy is important in this matter."

"If Mr. Gallano was applying for a job, I'm sure he wouldn't want his name revealed to his present employer. Private business certainly isn't run like that and a search for a town manager shouldn't be either."

Our view is certainly not to suggest that search procedures for town manager and superintendent of schools should be shrouded in complete secrecy. But the council majority did agree and make the ground rules for the search public.

We simply maintain that no one applying for the job of town manager should be forced to undergo a public scrutiny just because he applied for the job or comes to Agawam to be interviewed for it.

Councilor Gallano's statements also reflect another aspect about his politics we have cited before - using the present situation at hand as a matter of convenience to criticize a political opponent, such as Councilor Longo in this situation.

One school board member, Jessie Fuller, agreed with Mr. Moreno and Mr. Gallano about revealing the names. "I can't find anything wrong with it. I can't really remember what we did but I do recall that names were released after the interviews. Actually, I'm in favor of releasing them."

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., on April 4, 1985, in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing will be to hear the petition of James & Rose Mercadante to rezone approximately 33.58 acres of Agricultural and Residential A-2 to Residential A-3, land situated on the westerly side of Main Street and the easterly side of Pineview Circle, being further described and bounded.

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Published: March 21st, 1985

Beginning at a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, said point being the southeasterly corner of land, now or formerly of O'Connor, said point of beginning being the northeasterly corner of the parcel herein described; thence running, S 13°42'00"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 181.88 feet to a point; thence S 15°52'53"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 19.43 feet to a point at Lot 2, land, now or formerly of Frank Solatario; thence N 67°52'06"W Along land of Lot 2 and land, now or formerly of Frank Solatario, a distance of 295.26 feet to a point; thence S 23°27'32"W Along land of Solatario, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point at land, now or formerly of Oden D. & Beatrice M. Baker; thence N 68°30'01"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 258.54 feet to a point; thence S 11°18'11"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 105.83 feet to a point at land now or formerly, of Raymond Casella; thence N 66°48'07"W Along land of Casella, a distance of 213.11 feet to a point; thence N 65°52'29"W Along land of Casella, a distance of 486.45 feet to a point situated in the easterly line of Lot 14 as shown on a plan of Pine View Circle recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans — Page —; thence N 26°17'30"E Along Lot 14 and Lot 13 as shown on said plan, a distance of 329.24 feet to a point; thence N 00°56'20"W Along Lot 13, Lot 12 and Lot 11, a distance of 351.43 feet to a point; thence N 89°46'20"W Along the northerly line of Lot 11, a distance of 87.45 feet to a point; thence SOUTHWESTERLY By a curve to the left, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a distance of 68.83 feet along the northerly line of Lot 11 to a point situated in the easterly line of Pine View Circle; thence N 00°13'40"E Along the easterly line of Pine View Circle, a distance of 130.00 feet to a point at Lot 10 as shown on said plan; thence SOUTHEASTERLY By a curve to the left, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a distance of 68.83 feet along the southerly line of Lot 10 to a point; thence S 89°46'20"E Along the southerly line of Lot 10, a distance of 86.43 feet to a point at land, now or formerly of Wysocki; thence S 87°50'00"E Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point; thence N 00°40'00"W along land of Wysocki, a distance of 77.52 feet to a point; thence N 00°13'40"E Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 1038.30 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Maria Seaholm; thence N 83°26'40"E Along land of Seaholm, a distance of 209.58 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Emerson and Merilda Campbell; thence S 16°01'07"W Along land of Campbell, a distance of 43.31 feet to a point; thence S 80°31'50"E Along land of Campbell and land, now or formerly, of Elizabeth M. Wolcott, a distance of 644.23 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Agawam Lions Club Park Inc.; thence S 15°35'16"W Along land, now or formerly of Agawam Lions Club Park, Inc., a distance of 902.47 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Lena M. Cushman; thence S 14°42'57"W Along land of Cushman, a distance of 549.95 feet to a point; thence S 76°17'58"E Along land of Cushman and land, now or formerly, of O'Connor, a distance of 617.33 feet to a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 33.58 Acres, more or less, and all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 356 Front Street, Chicopee, Mass. 01013, Drawing No. 100-5903, Sheet 30, Dated March 30, 1984, entitled "Site Plan Proposed R-A-3."

By order of the Agawam Planning Board
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: March 21st, 1985



IN THE HOUSE

By Michael P. Walsh
State Rep. (D. Agawam)

On Auto Insurance

For years, the motoring public of Massachusetts has been demanding lower auto insurance rates.

For almost as long, state government has done a lot of talking about doing something, but it seemed every step forward resulted in two steps back. That is, until 1983 when the Legislature passed Chapter 273, the Automobile Insurance Reform Act.

The reforms, enacted in 1983, have had some effect on stabilizing rates; so that this year for the first time in eight years, the average car insurance policy will at least decrease somewhat, instead of spiraling upward.

Reducing Still A Priority

Not wanting to rest on its laurels, the Legislature still views reducing car insurance as a primary objective. This year, the Dukakis administration has made it a priority, along with some interest groups, most notably, Massachusetts Fair Share.

The Governor's package is most controversial because it includes a mandatory seat belt provision unlike the various Legislative proposals. Aside from the seat belt provision, the Governor, Senate and House proposals address reforms in similar areas.

Basically, all have provisions which raise the tort threshold, as well as personal injury protection limits, while separating the mandatory uninsured and underinsured coverages (making underinsured optional).

Dukakis and Fair Share have a further provision establishing a \$100 deductible for broken glass. The proponents feel that inclusion of a glass deductible will reduce claims and incur savings.

But, many argue that the cost of tacking on an additional deductible item would not be a savings to the majority of policy holders. The survival of this provision is questionable.

An issue which will be seriously debated is that of

raising the tort threshold. Since 1971, this threshold has been set at \$500. This means that someone who is an individual in an accident must incur at least \$500 worth of medical expenses before he/she is allowed to bring a claim to court.

Obviously, since 1971, medical costs have risen dramatically and the \$500 threshold is easily attained. Several proposals to update the threshold as being more reflective of 1985 costs are pending.

Threshold Raised To A Reasonable Level

The proposals would set the threshold as low as \$1,000, and as high as \$3,000. If a new threshold is to be set, it must be done so that it is effective as the protector of a valid claim, and not simply a tool to prohibit a suffering victim his day in court.

The threshold is likely to be raised, but it must be at a reasonable level which allows a remedy to legitimate and substantial claims.

The Governor's mandatory seat belt proposal is a highly controversial and complex issue. Surely, it will get more attention as it comes up for consideration.

Under the Dukakis proposal, a driver could not be stopped for failure to buckle up. Instead, if a driver is stopped for another violation, he/she may also be cited for failure to wear a seat belt.

The surcharge resulting from the citation would not go to the insurance company. Instead, it would be put in a pool to lower good driver's premiums.

Dukakis claims that such a law would result in a substantial saving of lives and severe injuries which in turn results in fewer and/or less expensive claims.

For the most part, he may be correct. But, this is an issue of personal privacy as well. Many people feel the decision to wear a seat belt is their own and strongly resent the further intrusion of government into such a personal matter. Both arguments are valid and compelling.

With so much support for further auto insurance reforms, some form of a law is sure to be forthcoming.

The different proponents agree something must be done and even agree on the basic areas which need reform.

However, the method of change in those areas is where the battle lies, especially in the area of tort threshold.

Hopefully, whatever is decided upon will be a definitive and substantial step toward stabilizing and decreasing the insurance we pay to drive our cars.

Rep. Mike Walsh's column "IN THE HOUSE" is another reason why you read us every week
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Families



MRS. KEITH J. SMITH
nee Laura J. Stevenson

Laura Jean Stevenson Weds Mr. Smith Of Feeding Hills

Miss Laura Jean Stevenson and Mr. Keith James Smith were married Friday, March 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Newman of 387 Nassau Drive, Springfield.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Smith, of 67 Bessbrook Street, Feeding Hills.

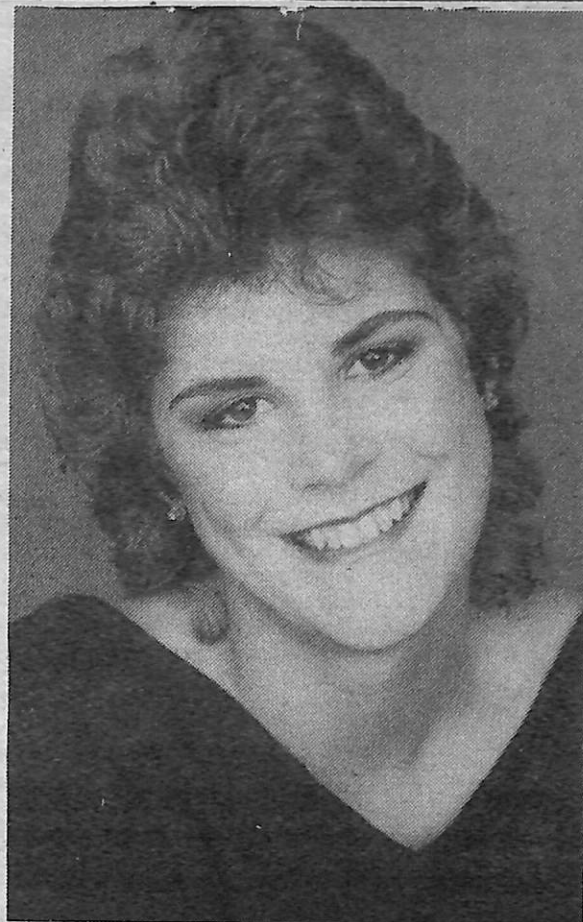
Mary Cipriani and David Gilbert served the couple as matron of honor and best man.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Classical High School, Springfield, and Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed by Cigna Property and Casualty Corp., as a coding clerk.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed at United Industrial Textile Products, Inc., as a machine operator.

Following a honeymoon in the Poconos, the couple will reside in Indian Orchard.

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SHELLY MELANSON

Shelly Melanson Of Agawam To Wed Amaro Gonclaves

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Melanson of 8 Seymour Avenue, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Jean Melanson, to Mr. Amaro Gonclaves.

Miss Melanson is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1982 graduate of Becker Junior College in Worcester. She is currently working at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, in the Alumni Office.

Mr. Gonclaves is originally from Caracas, Venezuela. He will graduate from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in May, with honors in industrial management engineering.

A May 26th wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield.

Linda Gonyea Engaged To James S. Lowell Of Agawam

Linda D. Gonyea of East Longmeadow and James S. Lowell of Agawam have announced their upcoming marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tilli, 49 Savoy Avenue, East Longmeadow, and is a secretary for the Phelon Magnagrip Co., Inc.

Airman Tara Hazen Assigned To Keesler Air Base

Air National Guard Airman Tara M. Hazen, daughter of Donald R. and Zabelle K. Hazen of 53 Provin Mountain Drive, Feeding Hills, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Miss Hazen studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Miss Hazen will now receive specialized training in the administration field.

She is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Now Through March 29th

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Agawam Women's Club To Hear AFS Students

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday evening, March 25th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The American Field Services (AFS) students who have lived with families in Agawam this year will be guests of the club and will speak about their home countries. Charles Dumon from France and Mayra Rojas from Venezuela are seniors at Agawam High School.

Serving refreshments during the hospitality hour will be Dorothy Martin, Jean Goss and Carol Treganowan.

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MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

Here's news from Cub Scout Pack 76.

This is the first of what we hope will be many regular articles concerning an extremely active group of young men - Cub Scout Pack 76, and the large number of people who support them. Among the many supporters are Cub Pack leaders NANCY and JACK HALLBAUER, who spend countless numbers of hours involved with the leadership and planning of this pack and also helping other area scouts.

On Saturday, March 2nd, Cub Scout Pack 76 attended the Knox Trail District Yukon Derby, under the supervision of Nancy and Jack. The boys left St. Theresa's Church (North Agawam) for the Moses Scout Reservation at 8:15 a.m., for a day full of excitement and competition.

The boys participated in events such as the dog and sled relay, soccer relay, hockey, human chain, iceberg sled race, tennis ball throw, and lifesaving throw.

For attending and participating in this event, the following boys received awards: STEVEN GOWDY, CHRIS BELLEVILLE, BEN CAMYRE, ADAM DAVID, JUSTIN DAVID, RAY DREWNOWSKI, SCOTT RIDER, JEREMY FOISEY, PATRICK BRAMES, MARTY GOLEMBIESKI, ANDREW DAVID, and JONATHAN DAVID. Congratulations.

Another event held in March was a Kite Derby on March 10th, at Shea's Field. The scouts, their families and friends, along with many Agawam residents, really enjoyed this event.

Scouts participating in this event were: RAYMOND DREWNOWSKI, JONATHAN DAVID, ANDREW DAVID, PATRICK BRAMES, MICHAEL BRAMES, STEVEN GOWDY, ADAM DAVID, JUSTIN DAVID, and SCOTT RIDER.

There are many other events to report on and just as many to come. On Wednesday evening, March 20th, Pack 76 held its monthly meeting.

Besides obtaining earned awards, the scouts saw a demonstration by a local EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). On Saturday, March 23rd, the pack will attend a roller skating party at the Agawam Rollaway.

A childhood friend sends belated birthday wishes to DOM RIONI of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills.

He celebrated his 20th birthday on March 18th.

Birthday wishes are being sent to ROSE FAZIO of Main Street, Agawam, who will celebrate her birthday on March 23rd.

Have a "HAPPY DAY" from ANGELA, MARIA, and JOEY.

Congratulations to the following men and women who have bowled over 400 and over 350. TONY CHIBA, 410; PETER SMUS (son of DICK SMUS), 402; STUART STORK, 404; JOHN CARTY, 400; RAY BURROUGHS, 419 and a fine 444; GEORGE ALLARD, 400; ART CANNAMELA, 424; and AL IZZO.

Ladies splitting the pins were SANDY MARINI, 377, 367 and 355; ALYCE ZUCHOWICZ, 352; DEBBIE CHECHILE, 378; DEBBIE OUELLETTE, 362; and DIANNE ERSKINE, 360.

TONY KUNASEK, a member of the National Honor Society, will graduate in June 1985. He has been awarded a \$1000 academic scholarship and has been accepted at American International College where he will major in criminal justice.

Tony has been a member of Agawam High's baseball and basketball teams.

Proud of Tony's accomplishments are his parents, DAVID and LINDA KUNASEK of Day Street, Feeding Hills.

Belated birthday wishes go out to SANDY WISE who celebrated her birthday on March 18th.

Also, birthday wishes to RITA MCLEAD whose birthday is March 23rd, and KAY FERRENDINO, who will celebrate her birthday on March 25th.

All of these ladies are fine Agawam School bus drivers employed by DePalma Transportation Company.

Happy birthday to all.

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Senior Center Has Corned Beef Luncheon



SERVING A DELICIOUS CORNED BEEF and cabbage luncheon to honor St. Patrick's Day at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, March 14th, are Isabelle Rokosz and Catherine Chapman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BY THE LOOKS OF IT, Caroline and Frank DeMaio are enjoying the good food and cheer at the Agawam Senior Center's corned beef luncheon on Thursday, March 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Activities Galore At Agawam Baptist Church...



THE AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH held a ham and bean supper on Saturday, March 16th, in the church hall. Here, Jeanne Webster and Shirley M. Goss are busily dishing out potato salad. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH slated its annual 20 percent off sale at the popular Trading Post for Wednesday, March 16th. Pictured here are Mary Ferrari and Pauline Woodruff. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Attorney Rene Thomas

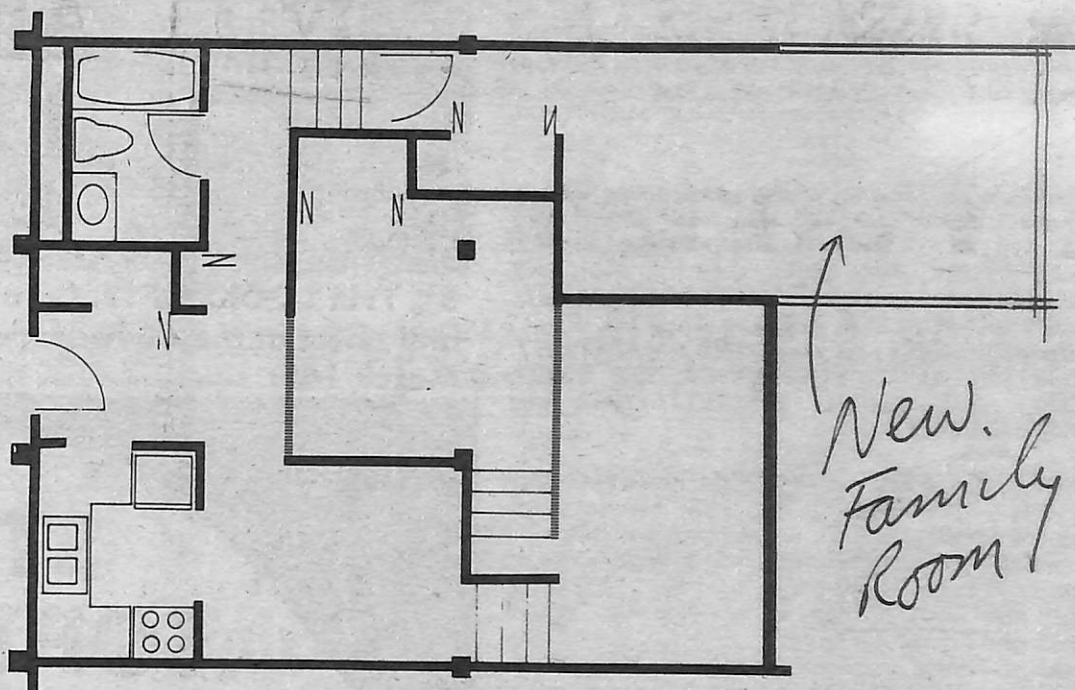
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THE HAM AND BEAN SUPPER at the Agawam Baptist Church, on the corner of Elm and Main Street, saw a good gathering of parishioners and friends on Saturday, March 16th. Here, Dick & Rita Waltermire enjoy homemade pie for dessert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Easy To Make Recipes For Fish Chowders & Stews

On a cool spring day, what could be more inviting than a steaming hot *chaudiere* of fish chowder or stew? A *chaudiere* is a type of French kettle or cauldron.

The French settlers who came to New England were fishermen who brought with them these *chaudieres*. It was customary for each fisherman to contribute part of his catch to the community pot. Vegetables were added to complete this soup. Eventually, *chaudiere* became the word "chowder," the popular fish soup we enjoy in America today.

Chowder and soup are especially appealing this time of year. They will warm you up after trudging through the cold, damp air. The ultra-fresh seafood rushed from local waters to your favorite fish market is a perfect main ingredient for a variety of "souper" stews.

Just about any type of seafood can be used for soups and chowders. According to seafood specialists from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the most economically priced choices include pollock, hake, ocean pout and mussels.

Fresh fish fillets are sold in many area markets and can easily be cut into bite size chunks for use in soup recipes. Frozen fillets can also be used.

Shellfish such as scallops, shrimp, clams, oysters and lobster, are used more economically in soups and chowders because smaller quantities are needed. For example, only one pound of shellfish meat is needed to prepare four generous bowlsful of chowder.

Recipes follow for a few "kettles of fish" to warm winter nights.

Pollock And Watercress Soup

- 1 pound pollock fillets*
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 small leek, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 bunch watercress, chopped
- 2 cups fish stock or bottled clam juice
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1/4 pound potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup or more half and half
- white wine
- salt, pepper

*Any type of boneless fish fillets may be substituted.

Poach fish in enough white wine to cover and set aside when done. Sauté the leek, onion and watercress in margarine. Stew at low heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add fish stock, chicken stock and potatoes, cook for about 40 minutes. Cool mixture slightly. Cut pollock into small pieces and add to the cooled mixture along with salt, pepper and half and half. Garnish with watercress sprigs. May be served hot or cold. Makes 4 servings.

Tomato And Cod Soup

- 1 pound cod fillets
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 8 1/2 ounce can sliced stewed tomatoes
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- Dash pepper

Combine all ingredients except fish in a saucepan and bring to a low simmer. Meanwhile, cut fish into small cubes. When the soup is simmering, add the fish cubes. Continue simmering, stirring occasionally, until the fish is cooked (10-15 minutes). Makes 3 to 4 servings.

Zuppa di Cozze al Pescatore (Fisherman's Mussel Soup)

- 60 mussels (3-4 pounds), scrubbed and debearded
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 red onions, chopped
- 5 tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 cup dry white wine
- Chopped fresh parsley
- 16 slices toasted French bread

Sauté onions, tomatoes, garlic, oregano and red pepper in a large, heavy pot. Cook until onion is tender. Add wine and cook until sauce thickens. Add the mussels and cover pot tightly. Cook for a few minutes until the mussels are opened, shaking the pot every so often until all mussels are open. Arrange toasted bread in bowls and portion the mussel soup over them. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve immediately.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Quick 'N Easy Quahog Chowder

- 6-8 large quahogs
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 slices bacon, chopped and cooked
- 1 pint sour cream or sour half and half
- Salt and pepper

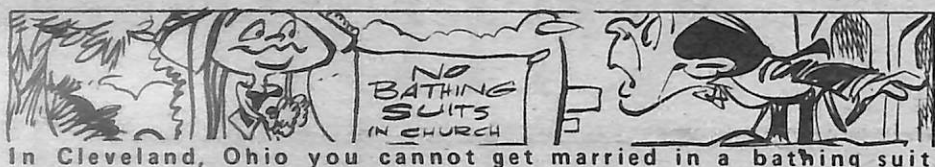
Wash quahog clams thoroughly. Steam until open. Remove the meats and dice. Cook potatoes in quahog broth until tender. (If there isn't enough broth, add bottled clam juice or water). Sauté onions and quahogs in bacon fat or margarine. Add to cooked potatoes; then add sour cream to desired consistency. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer until hot and serve topped with crumbled bacon. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Boston Bouillabaisse

- 1/2 pound cod fillets
- 1/2 pound pollock fillets
- 1/2 pound flounder fillets
- 1/2 pound sea scallops
- 1-2 onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup fresh stock or bottled clam juice
- 1 1-pound can tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf, crushed
- Salt, pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon saffron (optional)
- 1 small lobster (optional)
- French bread, sliced

Cut fish into one-inch chunks. Cook onion, celery and garlic in margarine until soft but not brown. Add fish stock, water, tomatoes and herbs. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes, add seafood and simmer 10 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, boil lobster separately. Crack claws. Remove meat from tail and dice. Add to soup just before serving. Accompany with French bread. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

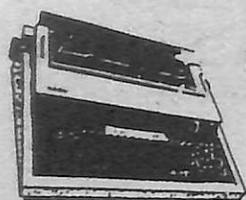
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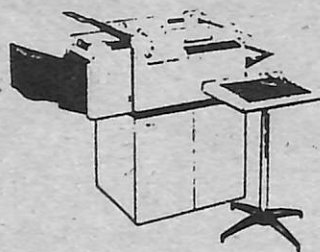


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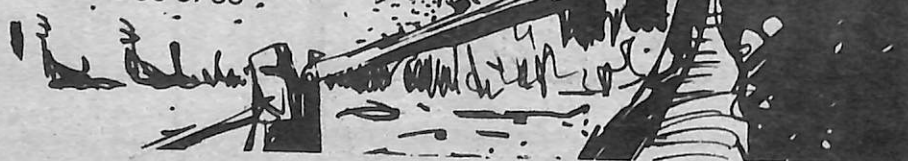
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Agawam Obituaries

Jeffrey R. Lind

Agawam: Jeffrey R. Lind, 39, of 123 Elm Street, died Tuesday, March 12th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit, after a long illness. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 15 years. He leaves his wife, the former JoAnn Blanchard; daughter, Cynthia Lind of Agawam; his mother, Minnie (Millen) Lind of Springfield; and a brother, Richard F. of Agawam. The funeral was Thursday morning at Hafey Forest Park Chapels with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield. Donations may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Foundation, 1 Joslin Place, Boston 02215.

Helen B. Torrant

Agawam: Helen B. (Burkett) Torrant, 83, of 7 Edward Street, died Thursday, March 14th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Rochester, New York, she lived in Suffield, Connecticut most of her life, and then in Agawam three years. She leaves three sons, John R. of the Broadbrook section of East Windsor, Connecticut; Glenn A. of Collinsville, Connecticut; and Kenneth G. of Coventry, Connecticut; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Ruth Daniel, died in October 1984.

The funeral was Monday morning at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, Suffield, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Kenneth A. Guyette

Agawam: Kenneth A. Guyette, 43, of 90 North Alhambra Circle, a mechanic in the maintenance department of the former Uniroyal Corporation, Chicopee, died Thursday, March 14th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit, after a long illness. Born in Ludlow, he lived in Springfield several years, and then in Agawam four years. He leaves his wife, the former Shirley LaFountain; two stepsons, Brian and William Whitten, both of Westfield; two stepdaughters, Debbie Allis of Springfield and Brenda Whitten of Holyoke; his parents, Robert and Isabella (McLeish) Guyette of Springfield; three brothers, Philip of Columbus, Georgia; Robert and Dennis, both of Chicopee; four sisters, Phyllis Batista of Ludlow; Roberta Hutchins of Feeding Hills; Karen Girard of Ludlow; and Leslie Rickson of Springfield; and six step-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday morning at Ratell Funeral Home and in Grace Church of Christ with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

George J. McBrien

Agawam: George J. McBrien, 66, of 47 Wilbert Terrace, retired vice president and general manager of the former American Bosch Company, died Saturday, March 16th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in Westfield, he lived in the Springfield area before moving to Agawam 20 years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Bosch 25-Year Club and its Management Club. He was also a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Sophie H. Yefko, and two sisters, Mary and Rose, both of Springfield.

The funeral was Tuesday at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01105.

Edward W. Shore

Agawam: The funeral of Edward W. Shore, 82, of 76 Edgewater Road, retired 36-year owner and president of the Springfield Indians in the American Hockey League, who died Saturday in Mercy Hospital, was Wednesday in Christ Church Cathedral with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both Springfield.

He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge of Melville, province of Saskatchewan, Canada; Scottish Rite Bodies and life member and ambassador of goodwill of Melha Temple.

He was an amateur golfer.

His first wife, the former Catherine Macrae, died in 1945 and his second wife, the former Carol A. Gaba, died in 1981.

He leaves a son, Edward W., Jr. of West Springfield; four grandchildren, Catherine M. Pokorny of Chicopee; Edward W. 3rd of Tamarac, Florida; Robert C. of West Springfield; Lynn H. Shore of Germantown, Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews, including Jack Butterfield, current president of the American Hockey League.

Byron's State Street Funeral Home is in charge. Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Springfield Unit.

Agnes R. Harkins

Agawam: Agnes R. (Coupas) Harkins, 63, of 39 Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, died Tuesday, March 12th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. A native and former resident of Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills 35 years, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She leaves her husband, James J. Harkins; two sons, James M. of Meriden, Connecticut; and Thomas K. of Randolph, New Jersey; two daughters, Patricia A. Harkins and Maureen L. Myers, both of Enfield; two brothers, Frank of Feeding Hills and Joseph of Deland, Florida; and two sisters, Josephine Johnson of Southwick and Irene Lynch of Holyoke. The funeral was Thursday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Robert W. Swartz

Agawam: Robert W. Swartz, 73, of 36 Suffield Street, retired 32-year mechanic at Otis Elevator Company, died Thursday, March 14th, in Hartford County Memorial Hospital, Maryland. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 32 years. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and retired in 1974. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of American Legion Post 207, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Barkam Trobridge Post, a charter member of West Springfield-Agawam Elks 2174, past vice president and former treasurer of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 41. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Unity Council 2212, and a former member of the West Springfield Housing Authority.

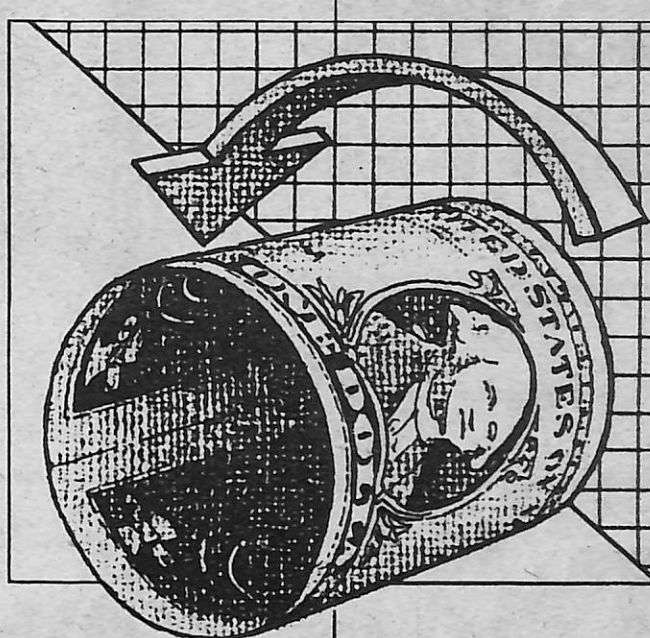
He leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Sullivan; three sisters, Mildred Clark of Fairfax, Virginia; Vernamae Irons of Arlington, Texas; and Betty Queipo of Dighton.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. An Elks ritual was Monday evening at the funeral home. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield 01105.

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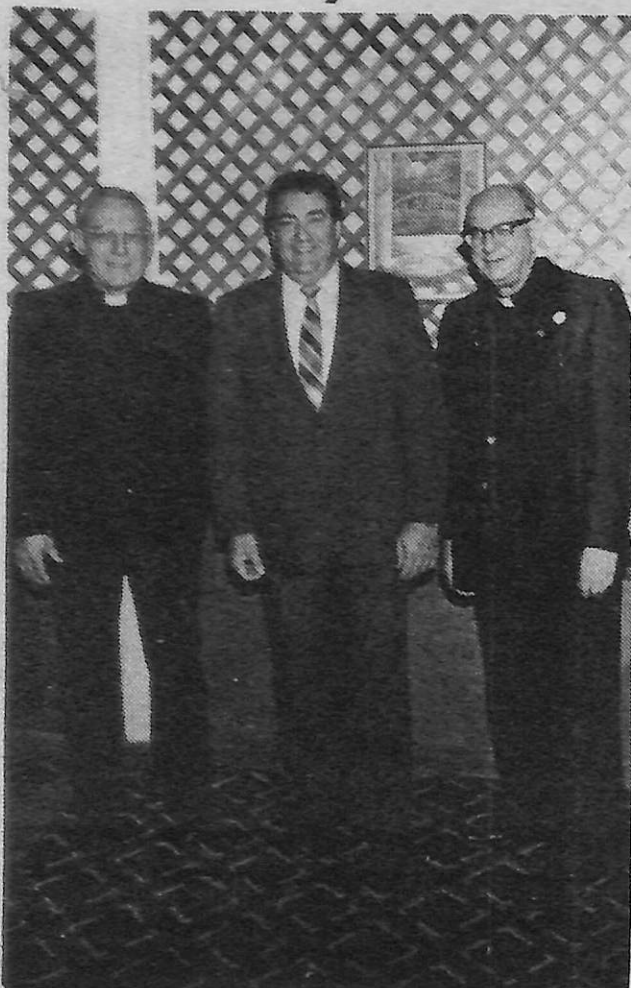
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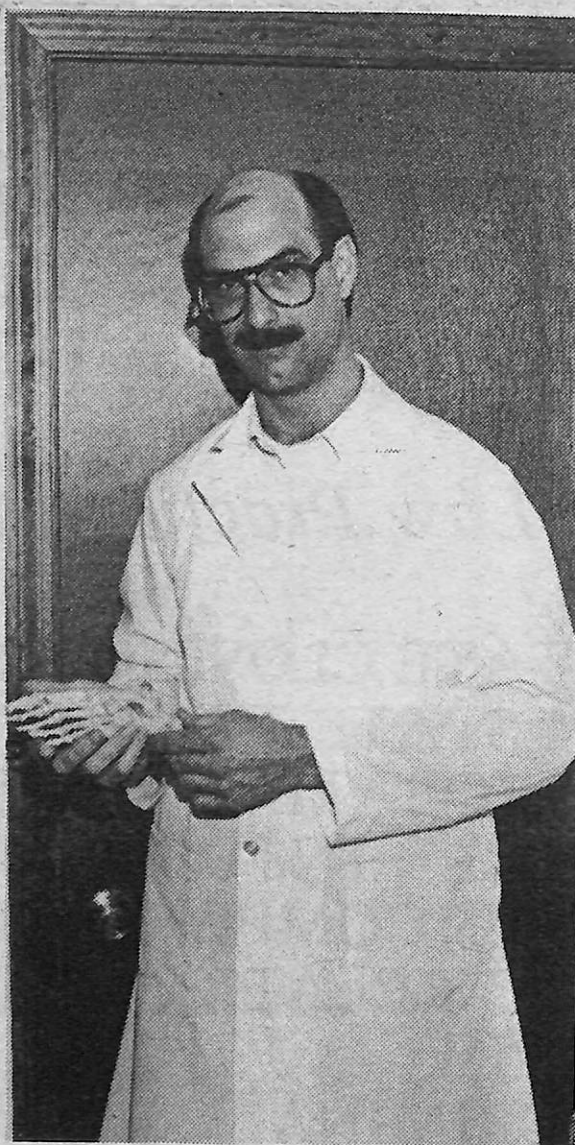


PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED on Tuesday, March 12th, by the Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's of Padua Church are, back row, from left - Robert Ritchie (current president), Al Dugan, and Ken Balboni. Front row - Ronald Balboni, Paul V. Ferrarini, Sr., Victor Pinzone, and Lou Gallerani. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CURRENT ST. ANTHONY Holy Name Society president Robert Ritchie (center) is pictured with parish priests Joseph H. Fellin, C.S.S., pastor (left) and S. Anthony Piazza, C.S.S., assistant pastor. All three attended the honoring of past presidents by the Holy Name Society at Da Vinci's Restaurant last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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FIRE-WISEby Rusty Jenks
Acting Agawam Fire Chief**Fire Safety For Senior Citizens**

If you are elderly yourself - or if a senior citizen shares your household - that's a good reason to be a little extra cautious when it comes to fire.

Seniors should exercise special care when smoking - particularly if they are prone to drop off to sleep. Sleep and cigarettes don't mix - smoking seniors should avoid getting **too** comfortable in that favorite easy chair. Of course, smoking in bed is never fire-wise at any age.

Lady seniors would do well to remember that hair sprays of all types are flammable. Do not smoke while applying hair spray.

Like everyone else, the elderly deserve the maximum protection from fires which strike at night. All members of the household, from the youngest to the eldest, should sleep behind closed (not locked) doors. Closed bedroom doors can delay the entrance of smoke and toxic gases into a bedroom for up to twenty minutes - a period which can easily make the difference between life and death.

Of course, a smoke detector should be installed in the hallway outside the sleeping area to alert all members of the household in the event of fire. The alarm should be tested periodically - both to check the batteries and to be sure the alarm is sufficient to awaken the elderly.

Older persons with hearing problems may wish to install a motorized "bed shaker" in line with the smoke alarm, to wake them positively in the event of fire.

Seniors with ambulatory difficulty should inform the Fire Department of the problem well in advance.

Senior citizens should exercise caution when cooking, as the fire-wise of all ages do. Avoid balloon sleeves or garments with long, hanging sashes - these may droop onto a burner and ignite. Keep constant watch on hot grease when frying - should it begin to burn, smother the fire by covering the burning pan with its lid. **Never** try to carry a burning pan outside.

Finally, it's smart to remember that appliances age much faster than people. If you're nearing retirement age, and your heater, frying pan, toaster, or TV set's been working almost as long as you have - now's the time to have it inspected by a competent technician.

The requirements for fire safety are really no different for seniors after all. As always, the biggest part of being fire-wise is using common sense!

**A PART OF LIFE**by Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Home**The Inflation Proof Funeral Trust**

My last article dealt with the pre-planning of the funeral. Today, we will explore the advantages of pre-payment of funeral expenses.

Time To Investigate

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Deadline Extended For Laughing Brook Tree Sale

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, Massachusetts, announces that the deadline for ordering trees and shrubs has been extended until Saturday, March 30th.

All orders must be prepaid and received at Laughing Brook by this date. Quantities are limited, and orders will be filled according to the date received. The trees will be available for pickup at Laughing Brook on Saturday, May 11th, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This "Tree and Shrub Sale" will provide a variety of quality trees and bird-attracting shrubs, as well as raise funds for the 260-acre sanctuary and its educational programs.

Varieties offered are Colorado Blue Spruce, White Spruce, American Arborvitae, Scotch Pine, Norway Spruce, Canadian Hemlock, Autumn Olive, White Flowering Dogwood, and Red Barberry.

To receive an order form or for more information, call Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034, Tuesday to Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tag Sale To Benefit Animal Welfare Org.

Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc., a non-profit animal welfare organization will hold its giant benefit tag sale at the Sixteen Acres Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield, on March 29th, 30th and 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This volunteer organization has provided a low cost spaying and neutering program for over 10,500 financially needy pet owners.

Clothing, household and miscellaneous items, plus baked goods, homemade baked beans, homemade egg noodles (fettucini, regular, and spinach pasta), will be on sale.

Theosophical Society To Meet At Captain Leonard House

The Theosophical Society of Springfield will meet at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on Sunday, March 24th, at 2:30 p.m.

"The Bhagavad Gita" (the song of God), the timeless epic of Hindu faith, will be featured. A review by Ellie Kidhardt and Adeline Roasit, will be followed by discussions, and a question and answer period.

Refreshments will be available and the donation is \$2.

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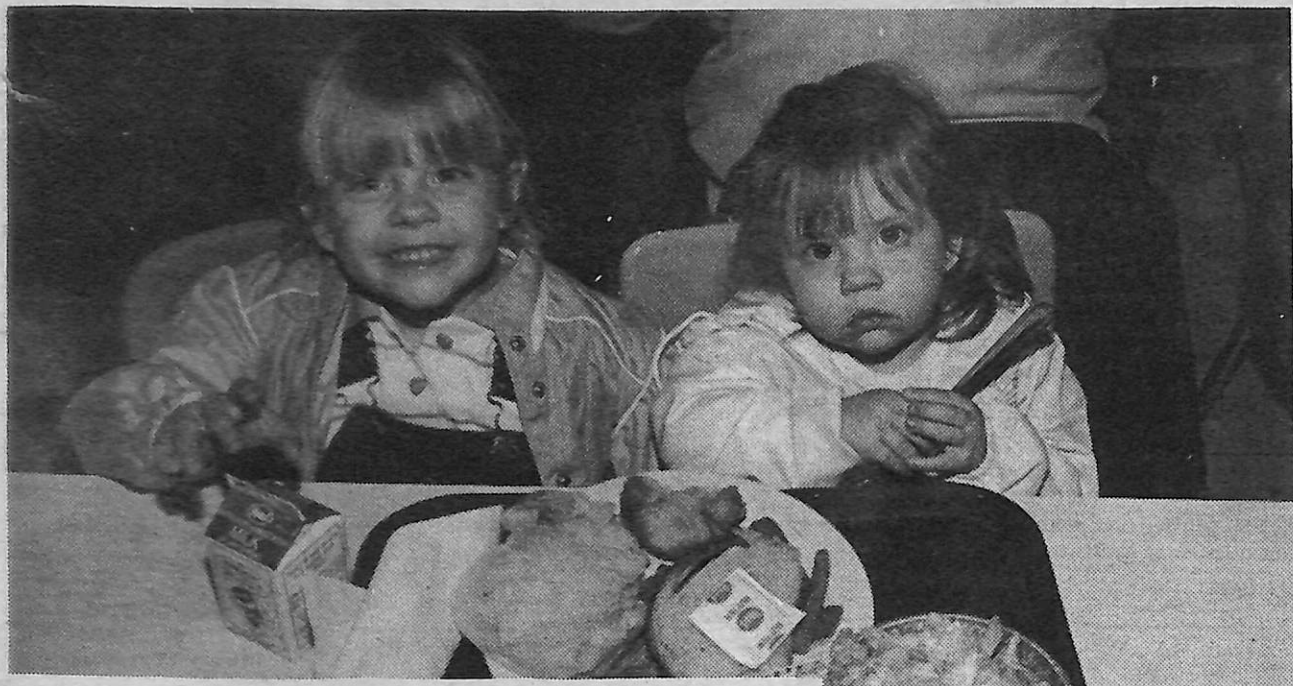
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"The Luck of the Irish" At Lions Club Corned Beef Supper



JENNIFER LEWIS, 3, and her sister, Megan, 1½, are about to enjoy delicious corned beef and cabbage at the Agawam Lions Club annual supper on Wednesday, March 13th. By the looks of it, Jennifer is quite pleased, while Megan isn't so sure. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS KITCHEN WORKERS Warren Roberts (left) and Al Malone hard at their task at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WHENEVER THE AGAWAM LIONS ARE around, you can be sure the Agawam Lioness are involved as well. Here, Lioness members, from left - Josephine Chriscola, Mirian Taupier, and Ann Favreau conduct a bake sale. The bake sale was held at the Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



8 MONTH-OLD Anthony Brignoli took time out from his dinner for a Jack Devine photo.



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Spring Arrives Rabbit-Fast! Mad As A March Hare

By Kay Kudlinski - "The Family Naturalist"

Getting To The Teeth Of The Matter

Most folks have always lumped hares and rabbits together as "rabbits." And most people call them rodents. They are not. Rodents have a single set of huge, buck teeth. Beavers, woodchucks, squirrels, rats, mice and muskrats qualify. Bunnies do not.

Hidden behind the great white incisors of bunnies is a second pair of teeth (very un-rodent-like). A new group has been created for them: rabbits and hares are properly classified as "Lagomorphs," along with the similarly doubled-toothed picas of the West.

Spring Weather

I've been waiting for a chance to show the mad dance of march hares to the kids. I thought the weather would hold at the beginning of the month, and the snow confounded my plans.

We picnicked recently at Fanny Stebbins Park in Longmeadow, and it's snowing today (March 18th). It's driving me crazy.

I'm so ready for the spring that's flirting with us, I'm getting as mad as those March hares!

What drives March hares mad? Spring. Most of us do act a little romantic in the springtime. Some of it is light and silly: spontaneous kisses-in-the-kitchen are a spring specialty in our house.

Some of the response to "biological imperatives" is less frivolous. High school corridors and park benches are clogged with embracing couples in the springtime.

In rabbits, the imperative reaches a fever pitch, and the normally shy bucks thump and leap openly in cleared areas to attract mates. Soon, the does join their chosen mates in wild hopping play.

That's where the old expression comes from: crowds of rabbits dancing and leaping in the spring moonlight have obviously gone mad. A similar case could be made for some of the park-smoochers too, I suppose.

Hare-Raising Statistics

After their moonlight displays, hares and rabbits settle down to the real business of being a rabbit. All summer long they breed and reproduce at a stunning rate.

Cottontail pregnancies last only 28 days, and the female may be bred again before her 4-8 babies are a day old. The young are out of their shallow nest in two weeks and ready to breed at nine months.

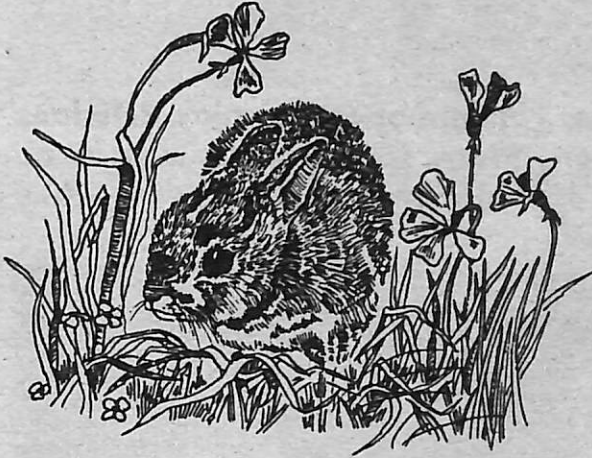
Splitting Hares

Those prolific cottontails are not true hares. Cottontail babies are born naked, like little rats. Their eyes are closed for over a week and they are utterly helpless in their fur-lined nest.

True hares are adorable at birth. Furry and bright-eyed, they hop out of their shallow nest within hours.

Around here, the Snowshoe "rabbit" is the only true hare maddened by spring's urges. Also called the varying hare or snowshoe hare, this is a larger bunny than the cottontail.

Its ears and legs are much longer than the cottontails', and its coat changes (varies) to white in the winter to blend with the snow.



Local National Guard Heads For Fort Bragg

Six hundred and eighteen enlisted men and officers of the First Battalion, 104th Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard, left for annual training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on Friday, March 15th.

The battalion is the first Massachusetts unit to conduct its training at Fort Bragg, which has unique training facilities not available elsewhere in the eastern United States.

These include a mock European type village which can either be defended or attacked by the guardsmen, a close quarters combat course, and an infiltration course.

The local guardsmen will also conduct live fire defenses of the mock village, army readiness and training evaluation program (ARTEP) tests, military operations in urban terrain (MOUT), and bivouac in the field.

Highlights of the annual training cycle include live firing of "tow" and "dragon" anti-tank guided missiles, 81 MM and 107 MM mortar firing, machine gun firing, and a live hand grenade course.

The First Battalion, 104th Infantry, has units located in Agawam, Westfield, Springfield, Holyoke, and Florence.

Lieutenant Colonel William T. Whitman Jr., battalion commander, said that he is looking forward to a successful training period, with the men of his command becoming proficient in urban warfare, in anticipation of being selected by the division to conduct next year's annual training in Germany during the "Reforger" exercises.

Antiquarian & Landmarks Society Presents Slide Show

Hartford: The Antiquarian and Landmarks Society announces the last in its series of three slide presentations in Eleanor Gleason Lecture Series, "19th Century American Furniture: A Summary of Styles from Federal to Arts & Crafts," by Mimi Findlay, specialist in 19th century American interior design, on Sunday, March 24th, at 3:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Historical Society's Hoadley Auditorium, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford.

Ms. Findlay is a member of the planning and zoning commission in her town of New Canaan, Connecticut. Ms. Findlay is a former director of the Victorian Society in America, and began her career as restoration chairwoman of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum in Norwalk.

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East Granby Craft Fair Set For March 30th-31st

East Granby: The Ninth Annual Craft Fair of East Granby will be held Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 31st, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Allgrove School on Route 20. Expect to find more than 45 craftspeople from all over New England displaying some of their finest crafts.

The fair is sponsored by the Women's Club of East Granby for the benefit of a variety of community projects.

Val Stelma and Charlene Pasierbiak, fair co-chairwomen, report that the fair was quickly filled to capacity. Besides the assortment of crafts exhibited in the past, including stained glass, ceramics, leather, quilting, stuffed toys, and dried flower arrangements, a number of new and interesting exhibitors will be present.

These include: applique clothing for infants and toddlers, rubber stamps, scrimshaw jewelry, and German folk art.

The women's club will feature a snack bar, serving light lunch foods and beverages, and a baked goods table with homemade specialties. Additionally, free babysitting is provided.

Admission is only \$1 for adults, with a discount for senior citizens and free return admission. Children, ages 10-18, will be charged 50 cents and children under 10 will be free.

Sons Of Norway Dinner/Dance Scheduled For March 22nd

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge, No. 3-552, will hold an Installation Dinner-Dance at Shaker Farms, Shaker Road, Westfield, on Friday, March 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, call Mr. Francis Lamoureux, social director, at 583-2493.

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Bob Lloyd Opens Big E Home Show

The largest exhibition of products and information dedicated to building, owning and remodeling homes in its history will be put on display this week (Tuesday, March 19th) when the 32nd annual Western Massachusetts Home Show begins its exciting six-day run at the Big E's Better Living Center in West Springfield.

More helpful hints, greater exhibits, bigger prize giveaways, tremendous product discounts, useful energy-saving ideas and good old fashioned fun will highlight this year's "homeowners" spectacle.

To accommodate the public, show hours have been expanded this year to include: 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 12:00 noon to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Gala ceremonies for all exhibitors and the press opened the Home Show. The festivities featured presentations by Agawam's Robert F. Lloyd, president of the Home Builders' Association of Greater Springfield which sponsors the show, and other area and industry dignitaries. This was followed by the music and marching of the talented Agawam High School Band and Color guard and then, the ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

After this, the huge doors of the Better Living Center (BLC) were opened to the public. Inside the BLC, the brilliant color and warmth of a "spring symphony" of flowers and plants arranged by the Agawam Garden Club and the 439 display booths of 210 exhibitors provide a truly "home-like" atmosphere.

Meanwhile, outside the BLC, two full-size, modular, custom-designed homes will be open to show visitors. One home is a 6-room ranch and the other is a 9-room garrison. Both were manufactured by Huntington Homes Inc., of Berlin, Vermont.

Added to the excellence of the products and information available are many items of convenience and pleasure for the show's patrons, including: the chance to win \$1,000 in valuable merchandise; the chance to win daily prizes like a washer, dryer, etc., free parking for approximately 7,000 cars, free admission to kids under 13 when accompanied by an adult. There are special senior citizen days as well.

All in all, as the theme describes this year's Western Massachusetts Home Show - "1985's An American Dream."

For coverage of a social event, please call 413-786-8137

Colonial Funeral Home Accepted In Internat'l Order

Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam has been accepted for membership in the International Order of the Golden Rule. This firm is affiliated with Forastiere Funeral Home, Inc., of Springfield, which also became members of the International Order of the Golden Rule.

The Order is comprised of funeral directors from all over the world who are dedicated to keeping in touch with the attitudes of the public. This is accomplished through regularly scheduled seminars and educational meetings at which attendance is required by all members.

Only one funeral home in a community is selected for membership. For this reason, the Order carefully screens all prospects. The decision is based on recommendations made by families the firm has served and by other professionals in the area.

Dale L. Rollings, executive director of the association, stated, "To obtain membership in OGR, all prospects must provide their community with quality funeral service and merchandise at reasonable prices."

"As a result of the positive response we've received from the Agawam area, Colonial Funeral Home has proven its worthiness to be counted among our members."

Riverside Park Cyclone Rates With Best In Country

"You feel as if you're on a toboggan whizzing over the Alps with Mr. Magoo at the helm." That is how John Stark from *People's Magazine* described a ride on Riverside Park's fastest roller coaster, the Riverside Cyclone.

Since its completion in 1983, the Riverside Cyclone has drawn hundreds of thousands of loyal coaster buffs as well as enthusiastic park guests to New England's largest amusement park, Riverside Park, located in Agawam.

The Riverside Cyclone has received national recognition in such publications as *People's Magazine*, the *American Way* magazine and *USA Today*.

The coaster has also been the focal point for numerous cover stories and news articles throughout the New England area. The Riverside Cyclone is truly the most impressive attraction park guests have experienced in the history of the park.

With the support of the Riverside Cyclone roller coaster, along with the addition of an entirely new and expanded "Kiddy Land," Riverside Park will attract nearly one million people to Agawam in the season of 1985, which begins April 6th.

Noble Hospital Hosts Children's Health Express

Noble Hospital will conduct its Second Annual Children's Health Express, a children's health fair featuring a railroad theme, on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The event is being held as an early celebration of Children and Hospitals Week (March 24th to 30th).

Hospital staff members, dressed as railroad attendants, will greet children with "boarding passes," that will admit them to various health "stations" in the hospital's auditorium.

Dr. Louise DeRose, an ophthalmologist on the hospital staff, will conduct vision screenings at the "seeing station."

A hospital staff member, wearing a "tooth fairy" costume, will hand out free toothbrushes as well as small envelopes for placing primary teeth under pillows.

At the "breathing station," a clown will hand out free balloons and literature for adults and children on the hazards of smoking.

A hospital employee, dressed as "Buckle Bear," will encourage children to buckle up at the "seat belt station."

There will also be an x-ray display, as well as free first aid kits, snacks, balls and doctors' headbands.

For further information on the Children's Health Express, contact Joseph Barako, R.N., at (413) 568-2811, extension 421.

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In 1965, she began to research and eventually wrote the museum's publication on the 1870 chateau's interior. In 1973, she produced a report on the original painted decoration of the chateau's major rooms, and received the Dora Brahms Award for Scholarship in historical preservation from the American Society of Interior Designers. Ms. Findlay spent two summers in Paris studying to expand her knowledge of European 19th century design. She also attended the Victorian Society's Summer School in London. She now has her own antiques gallery in New York, where she specializes in 19th century furniture and interiors.

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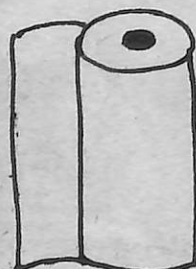
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55	Heavy	200	\$31 ⁹⁹

Arts

ART's New Staging Has Two Good Acts; Third Mind-Numbing

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In the first two acts of *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, we have the pleasure of seeing the kind of witty and zesty humor which playwright Neil Simon (*The Odd Couple*, *The Sunshine Boys*) is capable of creating.

But, in the play's third and final act, we are subjected to the kind of mind-numbing slop which Simon is also capable of concocting.

The play, which is the spring production of the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART), ran last Friday and Saturday, and has four more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (March 22nd and 29th) and Saturdays (March 23rd and 30th).

All shows begin at 8:00 p.m., in the Winthrop Room at the Parwick Centre, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee (across from the Fairfield Mall).

Bored With Straightlaced Life

The protagonist of *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* is Barney Cashman (Arnold Woods), a mild-mannered, 47-year-old man who has everything going for him. Besides having a loving wife and children, he is the owner of a successful restaurant that specializes in seafood.

However, Barney is bored with the steady, straightlaced quality of his life, and he longs to do something that will be truly exciting and memorable. Therefore, he decides to have an affair with another woman.

In the play's first act, Christmas is around the corner, and Barney is about to give himself an early present in the form of a young woman named Elaine Navazio (Lisa Brozini), whom he met in his restaurant. Though she's a married person herself, Elaine believes there is nothing wrong with extramarital flings, and her strong sexual desires soon attest to her belief.

During the second act, which takes place the following August, Barney is in the company of Bobbi Michelle (Mary Ann Gatti), an aspiring singer and actress.

But, as he realizes very quickly, this young lady is a card-carrying crackpot who could use some professional help rather than a break in show business.

Up to this point in the story, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* is an extremely funny and captivating comedy. Simon makes us laugh by pitting the naive character of Barney Cashman against vivacious women who consistently surprise him with their worldly ways.

The playwright also gets a great deal of mileage out of the plot's setting, the apartment of Barney's mother. Good old Barney believes that this is the best place to take his lady friends because his mom is usually gone for the afternoon, yet he's determined to make sure that nothing in the apartment will reveal his clandestine meetings to his mother.

Thus, Barney's anxiety over the setting for his affairs provides the play with an additional source of humor.

The last act, unfortunately, brings the comedy to a halt and almost makes us forget all of the good things we've seen earlier in the evening. One month after his encounter with Bobbi Michelle, Barney brings a lady by the name of Jeanette Fisher (Linda Nadeau) to his mother's apartment.

A woman who is approaching middle age and is dissatisfied with her own marriage, Jeanette seems like the kind of person who'd be glad to do something



ARNOLD WOODS & MARY ANN GATTI in a scene from "*The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*," now being staged by Agawam Repertory Theatre. The production is being held in the Winthrop Room at the Parwick Centre, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee (across from the Fairfield Mall). The play continues on Friday and Saturday nights, March 22nd & 23rd, as well as March 29th & 30th. For information on tickets, please call 786-2421. Reservations are suggested.

(as have an affair) which would make her feel young again and add some spark to her unhappy life.

However, she's given to great bouts of depression, and her decision to have an affair with Barney is soon regretted because she is a friend of Barney's wife and still loves her husband.

Through the presence of Jeanette Fisher, this act of *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* becomes a preachy, melodramatic piece of mush. Simon uses this sad sack character as a gimmick to appeal to Barney's conscience and make him realize that he should appreciate his wife.

Jeanette Fisher never comes across as a believable human being, and she represents the kind of soapbox moralizing which Simon has a tendency to engage in whenever he decides to add serious moments to his comedies.

Nadeau's performance in this role, however, doesn't make things any better. She overplays her character's melancholic personality to the point where Jeanette becomes a whining mope who's more annoying than funny. Director Herbert Legg should have restrained this actress so that the character's comical qualities could have shown through.

But, to be fair, this performance represents Nadeau's acting debut in this area, and she does show talent. In

phasized more than one of her character's personality traits.

Cast Gives Impressive Performances

Fortunately, the rest of the cast comes off much better. Having played the role of Barney Cashman before, Woods conveys an easiness and a sense of sureness through his performance. He manages to be funny via his depiction of Barney's naive qualities, yet he never turns his character into an ineffectual and unmemorable milquetoast.

As Bobbi Michelle, Gatti brings the second act to life. With her gaudy clothes and her kooky physical gestures and manner of speech, she is consistently hilarious and refreshing, especially when she convinces Barney to smoke marijuana with her.

Brozini's performance in the role of Elaine Navazio is equally impressive. In the hands of a lesser actress, this character could have been a one-dimensional floozy. But, through Brozini's skillful acting, Elaine is given an intelligent personality and a sense of depth.

ART's *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* is worth seeing. The first two acts will provide lots of laughs, and the majority of the performances are well-crafted. However, you will most likely leave the theater thinking that the play itself, and not necessarily the production, could have been much better.

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Little People's Adventures Continue At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, announces the spring sessions of the popular preschool program, "Little People's Adventures," for children ages 3 to 5. The sessions will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required by Sunday, March 31st.

Session I, "Mud Pies and Cloudy Skies," will be offered on four Wednesdays - April 3rd, 10th, 24th, and May 1st; or Thursdays - April 4th, 11th, 25th, and May 2nd.

"Mud Pies and Cloudy Skies" will provide preschoolers the opportunity to watch spring unfold each week. Participants will see how important the water from melting snow and rain is to the plants and animals which become so active during the spring. Some of each day's class will take place outside, so parents are asked to make sure their child is dressed for the weather.

Session II, "Jeepers, Creepers, Where'd You Get Those Peepers," will be offered on Wednesdays - May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; or Thursdays - May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

In "Jeepers, Creepers," children will discover the wonder and beauty of all the life which surrounds them. They will investigate the various "creepy crawlies," as well as many of the other plants and animals found around Laughing Brook. A brief look at one of the elusive Spring Peepers may be possible.

Teacher for the "Little People's Adventures" will be Nancy Zurawka, Early Childhood specialist.

Little People's Adventures is open to the public. Space is limited. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Tony Mastromatteo Sings In England With Chorus

Forty-six members of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Men's Chorus and Brass Choir performed a series of concerts in England this month. Included was Tony Mastromatteo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mastromatteo of Agawam.

Performances were given at such historic sites as Oxford University, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey, and the Coventry, Canterbury, and Bury St. Edmund cathedrals.

WPI music professor Louis J. Curran directed the tour, the tenth such extended program he has organized in his 19 years at WPI.

The 1985 tour featured a new setting of the *Chadesh Adoni* in Hebrew, written by WPI student Jeffry Bloom as part of his humanities sufficiency project, one of four degree requirements at WPI. In addition, the group premiered a new *Mass in England*, written by Yale University Glee Club Director Fenno Heath.

Flutist Cheryl Fogg To Perform In Springfield

Flutist Cheryl Fogg, originally from Agawam, will be coming back to the area to perform at a Tuesday Morning Music Club concert on April 2nd, at 10:00 a.m., at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts. Miss Fogg was very active in the Junior Extension of the TMMC in her high school years and was a member of the Springfield Young People's Symphony from 1973-76 when she graduated from Agawam High School.

Miss Fogg is presently performing with the Aquilonean Woodwind Quintet and the Wickhambrook Ensemble, a flute and classical guitar duo. Recently, she performed as a soloist with the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra. She also plays first flute with this orchestra.

Miss Fogg is interested in performing in the Agawam area and can be reached at (617) 263-2885, or through her parents at 786-5998.

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Kristyne Wage Wins Title Of Northeast Twirling Champ

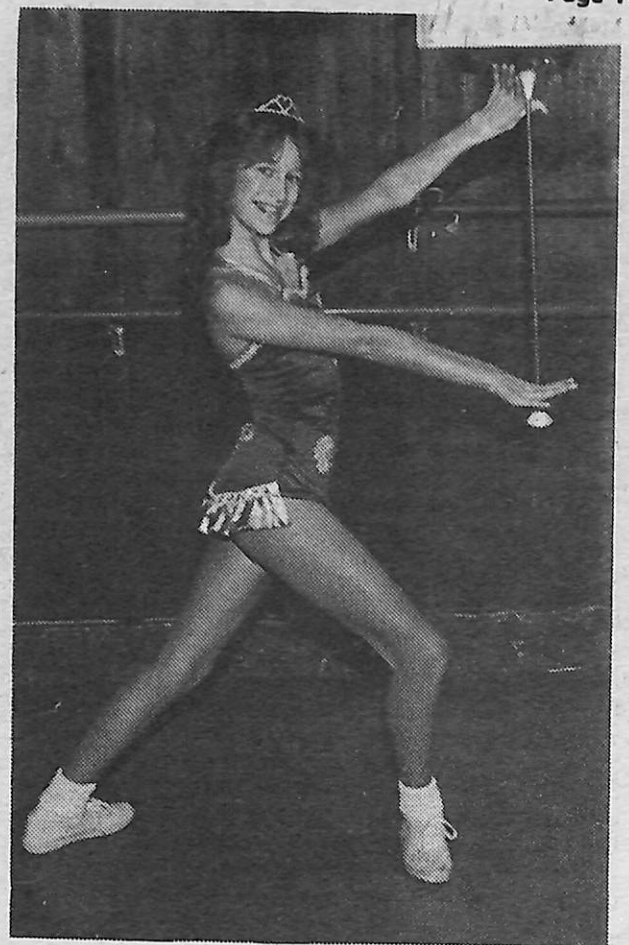
Kristyne Wage, 13, daughter of Larry and Darlene Wage of Feeding Hills, was named "1985 Northeast Regional Twirling Champion" in a two-day regional competition held at Westfield Middle School on March 2nd and 3rd.

She competed against 20 girls in her age category from all over the northeast. They each performed a two-minute individual twirling routine.

Miss Wage is an 8th grade cheerleader at the Agawam Junior High and studies jazz, acrobatics, and baton at the Academy of Artistic Performance in Agawam. She has been a student at the Academy for six years.

She has won 55 trophies, over 100 medals and ribbons, along with many titles on the state and national levels.

Miss Wage has performed at the 1982 Worlds Fair, Hershey Park, and in many local variety shows.



REBECCA BRYANT

Rebecca Bryant Named As Mass. State T Strut Winner

Rebecca Bryant, 13, daughter of Pamela Bryant and Fred Bryant Jr., is a sixth grader at Agawam Middle School. She started twirling in September 1979 at the Academy of Artistic Performance and has won 70 medals, 65 trophies, and 115 group awards.

She is taught by Nancy DeCosmo Locke.

Miss Bryant currently holds the 1984-85 "Massachusetts State T Strut Award" and is past 1981-1984 "Massachusetts State Solo Champ."

She is also a member of the 1983-84 Junior World Dance Line Champions and twirled at the 1982 World's Fair. Miss Bryant is also a talented dancer, taught for the past eight years by Debbie McManus.

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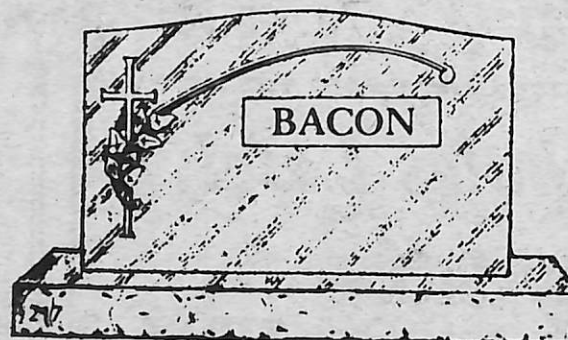
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89. At anytime
90. Poem division
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92. Slob
95. Mr. Speaker
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97. Mother of the gods
100. Throwaway wiper
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106. Declaim
107. Not — out of you
108. Indian coins
109. Lease
110. — around (searched)
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112. Sewing ridge

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3. Finish line marker
4. Compass heading
5. Dissuades
6. Insult
7. What a crone does
8. Dutch commune
9. Serum: prefix
10. Crazier (slang)
11. What is "The orange blossom special?"
12. Agents for short
13. Chemical suffix
14. Carriers, cruisers, etal
15. — and kicking (active)
16. Spanish artist
17. All: German
18. Sail support
24. Brings up
26. Scottish bogs
29. Swiss River
31. Lairs
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54. Rungs
55. Barnyard creatures
56. Russian veto words
58. Trees of the South Seas
59. Hebrew lyre
60. Ivan and others
62. Entry
63. Ovine
65. Description of certain eyes
66. Lawn tool
68. Red or Dead
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70. Leave the fold
72. Mr. Sadat
73. Zodiac sign

74. To be: Latin
77. 14,000 lbs.
78. Opp. of horiz.
79. Garden tools
81. Noy
82. Utilized
83. Writing instruments
84. Odor
88. French coastal town
89. Happening
90. Greek island
91. Eras, to a printer
92. Box
93. Infirm
94. Type of case, with shut
95. "... the night before..."
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First Church of Christ Slates "Music At First" Series

The music committee of First Church of Christ, Court Square, Springfield, is pleased to announce the next program on their "Music At First" Series.

This concert, including Agawam High sophomore Sara Lester on trumpet, will be held at First Church on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, at 4:00 p.m. The Choirs and Chambers Singers of Christ Church Cathedral and First church will combine to commemorate the 300th birthday of Bach and Handel, and the 400th of Schutz. A Chamber Orchestra will be used to accompany the singers and to perform Handel's Organ Concerto - Opus 4, No. 2 with Charles Page, organist and choir director at First Church.

Peter Beardsley, organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral, will share the directing and accompanying responsibilities for this concert.

Works being performed are two of the Coronation Anthems by Handel, "The King Shall Rejoice," and "Zadok the Priest." Cantata 140, "Sleepers, Wake!" is the featured work on the program and the other Bach composition is a Double-Motet V, "Come Jesu, Come" using the Chamber groups of both choirs. The selection of Heinrich Schutz is a Double-Motet, "Sing to the Lord," based on Psalm 96, which will be sung by the full choirs.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend. Everyone is invited to remain for the reception which will follow the concert in the Latimer Room of the Parish House, giving those present an opportunity to greet the participants and enjoy refreshments and a social time.

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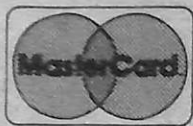
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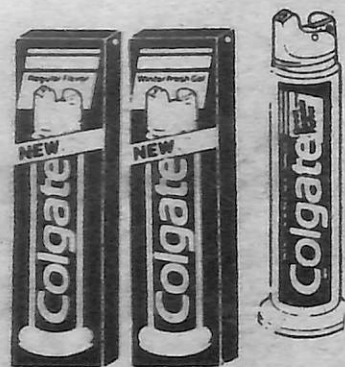
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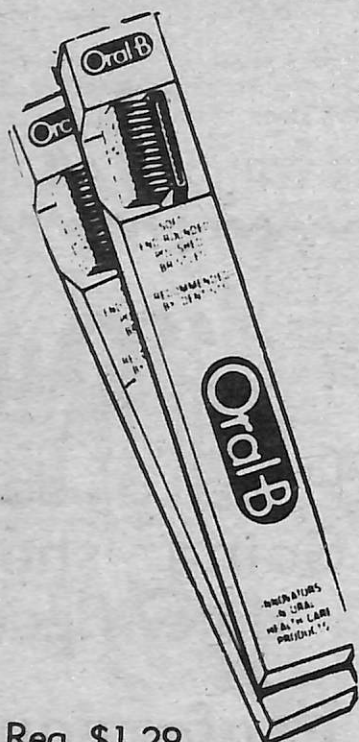
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WEST SPRINGFIELD orthodontist **Dr. Thomas K. Reen** recently visited **Robinson Park School** fifth graders to educate them on the benefits of good dental health. Pictured with Dr. Reen is fifth grade student **Benjamin Camyre**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Peter DiMascola Accepted To Graduate Program

Peter J. DiMascola of Feeding Hills has been accepted into the Managing People & Technologies Graduate Program of Cambridge College.

DiMascola is employed as senior production supervisor at Digital Equipment Corporation in Springfield. He also attended AIC and Westfield State College.

He is a soccer coach in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League.

Orthodontist Visits Robinson Park 5th Grade

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities was the topic of a 60-minute program presented to Robinson Park School fifth graders by West Springfield orthodontist Thomas K. Reen, Friday, March 15th.

Dr. Reen, whose visit correlated with National Dental Health Month, points out that this is the third year he has visited local schools.

Promote Good Dental Health And Dispel Fears

He explains that the purpose of his visit is not only to promote good dental health, but also to dispel fears children may have concerning orthodontic treatment and procedures.

As part of the program, students viewed a 20-minute film which provided them with a general overview of orthodontic care.

Dr. Reen relates that the film's format of kids talking to kids has been very effective in educating youngsters as to what orthodontics is; its importance; who should treat orthodontic problems; why dental and facial problems occur; when treatment should begin; and how treatment is accomplished.

Moreover, length and cost of treatment were fully discussed.

At the film's conclusion, a question and answer period was held, and Dr. Reen elaborated on the film's main points.

The amicable orthodontist also emphasized to youngsters that cooperation is the key to success in orthodontic care.

According to him, patients have direct control over how long the process will take for successful results to occur.

Dr. Reen says that patients are usually referred to him at approximately 9 years of age by their family dentist. After an initial examination, diagnostic aids such as x-rays are utilized to help prepare an individual treatment plan for each patient.

He reports that recent innovations have made the application of braces a relatively painless procedure.

Utilizing a direct bonding technique, braces are now applied directly to the facial surface of teeth instead of surrounding teeth as in years past.

He notes that patients usually listen to music tapes and have even fallen asleep while their braces were being attached.

Dr. Reen states that he generally sees a patient once a month, for an average of two to three years. He explains that after braces are removed, patients must wear retainers to keep their teeth in their new positions until they are approximately 18 or have stopped growing.

Slide Presentation Shown

A slide presentation illustrating some of the problems orthodontists usually encounter such as crossbites, buck teeth, and overcrowding was then shown.

Heredity was cited as being one of two general causes of malocclusions, with thumb sucking and tongue thrusting examples of acquired problems.

Dr. Reen cautioned students that proper dental care, proper nutrition, and fluoridation continue to be important factors in good dental health.

He advised the fifth graders to visit their family dentists regularly and to refrain from chewing gum and eating too much candy.

Agawam Education Assn. Names Winners

During the last week of February, the Agawam Educational Association (AEA) sponsored a Poster/Placemat Contest throughout the Agawam School System. The theme of the contest was "Community and Schools: Hand in Hand."

Students were competing on five levels: high school, junior high school, middle school, grades three to five, and kindergarten to second grade.

Prizes for each level were: first place, \$25; second place, \$10; third place, \$5, and honorable mention. From over 200 entries, members of the Education Committee have chosen the following winners.

High School, first place - Debbie Labonte.

Junior High School, first place - Mike Shively; **second place** - Jerry Doran; **third place** - Kris Gagne; **honorable mention** - Kyle Torsiello, Michelle Lalancette and Becki Runshaw.

Middle School, first place - Kym Schuerer.

Grades three to five, first place - Steven Wegrzyn; **second place** - Suzette Jones; **third place** - Kim Emery;

honorable mention - Elizabeth Cornwell, Kelley Higgins, Kristen D'Amato, and Nathan Wood.

Kindergarten to second grade, first place - Sean Greeley; **second place** - Elliott Moya; **third place** - Deborah McKenna; **honorable mention** - Whit Chaiyabhat, Deanna Knodler, Michael Senflug, Jeanette Bilodeau.

All of the winning posters will be displayed in the Agawam Public Library during the week of May 13th to 17th. A public presentation of the awards will be made on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m., in the library, by Mrs. Judy Leach, president of the Agawam Education Association.

Two posters by Debbi Labonte and Steve Wegrzyn are being used to print placemats by Tom Collins of the Graphic Arts Department of the high school. These placemats will be distributed to and used in many Agawam restaurants during the week of May 13th to 17th. The AEA congratulates these winners and thanks all who have participated in this year's Poster/Placemat Contest.

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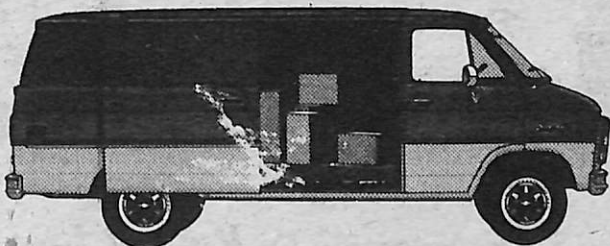
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Youngsters Shell Peanuts For Africa



YOUNGSTERS AT THE DAYCARE SCHOOL at the Agawam United Methodist Church in Agawam, recently held a program to show their support for children in Africa, called "Peanut Butter For Africa." The local youngsters shelled peanuts, put them in a blender, and made peanut butter. In the photo are, from left - Timothy Jenks, S. Kai Progulske, Brian Borkosky, and Cara DellaRusso. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Course On Ornithology At Museum

"Beyond Binoculars: Introduction to Ornithology" is a four-session course offered by Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, and the Springfield Science Museum. This course will be held in the Science Workshop on the third floor of the Springfield Science Museum on four Wednesday evenings, beginning on April 3rd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Space is limited. Reservations are required by Sunday, March 31st.

This course is for those who are ready to go a step beyond field identification to the how's and why's of bird biology and behavior. The topics covered will include evolution, anatomy, feathers and flight, behavior and distribution.

Participants will have access to the Science Museum's extensive collection of bird mounts and skins, as well as the Darwin's finch collection currently on display.

Instructors for "Beyond Binoculars: Intro to Ornithology" will be Paul Beaver, curator of Natural Sciences, Springfield Science Museum, and Penny Jaques, assistant director of Laughing Brook.

This course is open to the public. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 25th: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, March 26th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, mustard, relish, ketchup, buttered green beans, applesauce or sweet potato cake with icing, milk.

Wednesday, March 27th: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, mustard, relish, ketchup, steamed rice, buttered broccoli cuts, chilled pears or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, March 28th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, whole wheat bread and butter, white cake with cherry topping, milk.

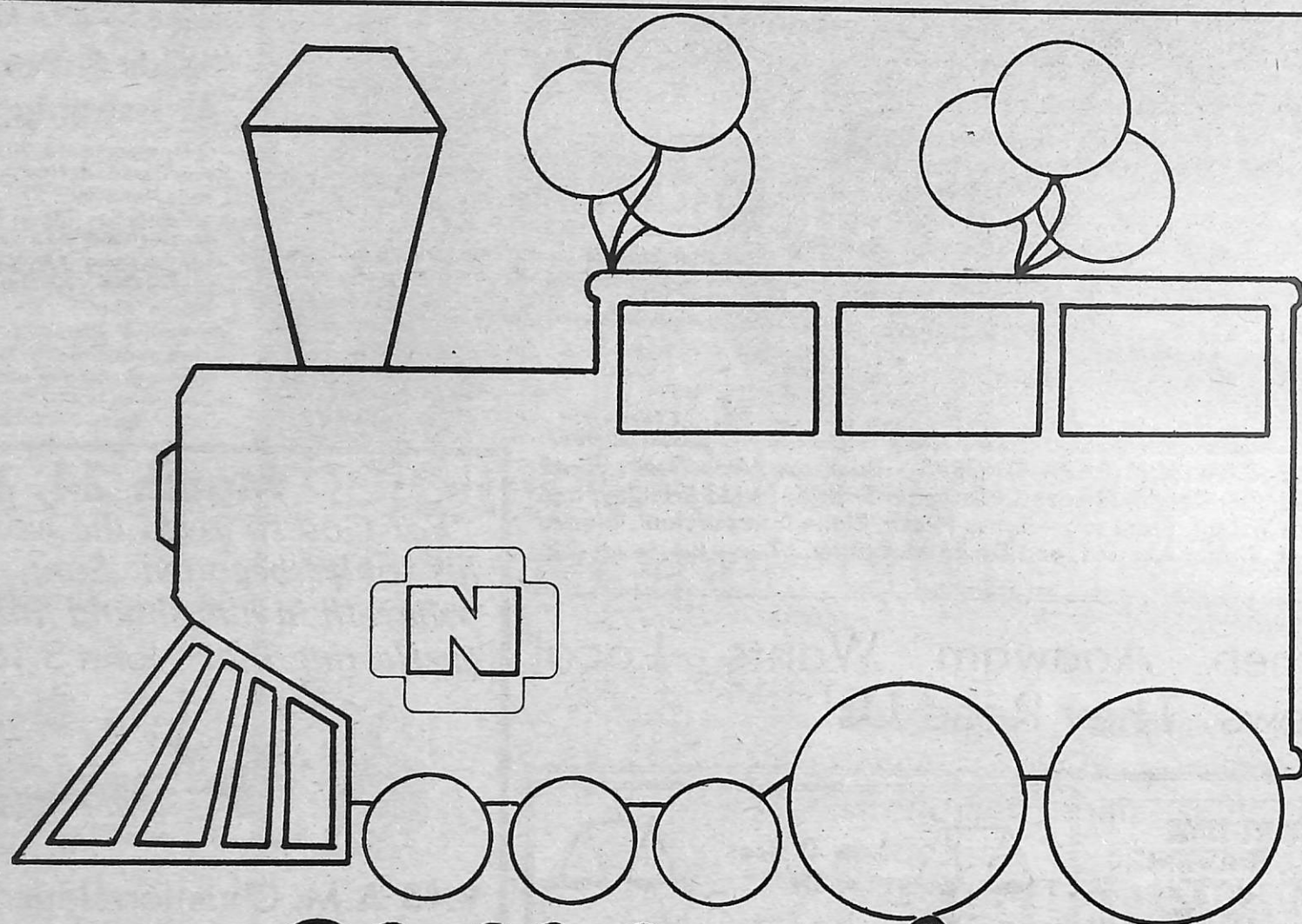
Friday, March 29th: Apple juice, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, mixed vegetables, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

Parent Resource Program Presents Workshop

On Tuesday, March 26th, the Parent Resource Program, an adjunct program of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), will be presenting a workshop entitled "The Other Parent," a workshop about step-parenting.

The workshop will be sponsored by the YMCA, 275 Chestnut Street, Springfield.

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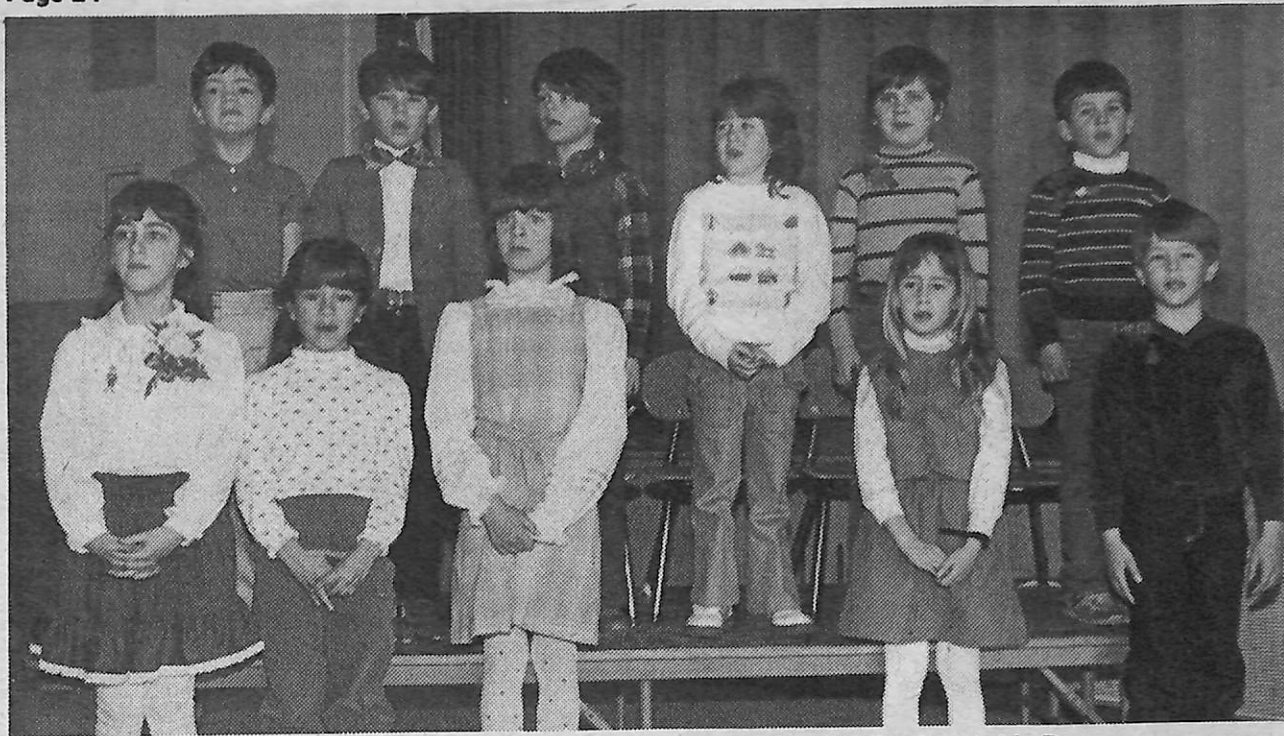
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ROBINSON PARK FIRST GRADERS performing a song in the St. Patrick's Day program are, back row, from left - John Hill, Peter Petell, Billy St. Peter, Heather Bourbeau, Danny Barber, and Steve Willett. First row - Melissas Murphy, Teresa Savina, Tracy Wandrei, Lisa Cassanelli, and Marc Guillemette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE ROBINSON PARK SINGERS - Back row, from left - Keith Daubmann, Ceciley Rivest, Christopher Suffriti, Jarred Longley, and Carisa Wright. Front row - James Pliska, Elana Campurciani, Bianca Talbot, Elaina Almerna, and David McCarthy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Irish Eyes Were Smilin' At Robinson Park

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

"Irish eyes were smiling" on the faces of first grade students at Robinson Park School as they participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day program Thursday, March 14th.

Over 100 parents, grandparents, younger brothers and sisters, and fellow classmates assembled in the school's catetorium to witness the 30-minute production, which paid homage to the patron saint of Ireland.

School principal Barbara Skolnick welcomed audience members and thanked them for sharing in Robinson Park School's traditional celebration.

Pupils of first grade teacher Sylvia Ready donned green carnations and top hats for the two-performance production, which featured Irish songs, recitations, and dances.

Some of the popular renditions included "My Wild Irish Rose," "Toorah Looah Looah," "Harrigan," and "A Long Way to Tipperary."

Ms. Ready points out that this was the first year she has ever had a student named Murphy portray the principal character in the song "Who Put the Overalls In Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?" That role was aptly portrayed by Melissa Murphy.

A special highlight of the program occurred when students playing various instruments paraded through the audience to the tune of "MacNamara's Band."

The 21 first graders concluded their performance with an Irish blessing and the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." They also extended their gratitude to elementary music teacher Mrs. Lee Files, who accompanied them on piano.

Ms. Ready states that she looks forward to the annual production and credits her trip to Ireland this past summer for inspiring some of the new material her students performed.

Mrs. Skolnick complimented the room 5 youngsters for their delightful performance and for bringing "a little of the green" to Robinson Park School.

"Kids & Parents Series" At Laughing Brook Center

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, is offering a unique program series entitled, "Kids and Parents," especially for preschoolers (ages 3 to 5) and parents and grandparents. The four-session program series will be held on Tuesdays, beginning April 2nd, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Space is limited, and reservations are required by March 30th.

In this special program, moms, dads, or grandparents and their preschool youngsters, will investigate the awakening of nature in the Spring.

SEE KIDS & PARENTS - Page 25...

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Agawam Students Participate In Annual "Youth Art Month"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

As a means of recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of young artists, public and private school students in grades K-12 were invited to participate in "Youth Art Month."

Celebrated nationally, the Western Massachusetts Regional Exhibit is sponsored by the National Art Association, Massachusetts Art Education Association, and the Crayon, Water Color and Craft Institute.

Locally, the event was made possible through the efforts of the Art Educators of Western Massachusetts, in cooperation with Elms College Borgia Gallery and the University of Massachusetts/Amherst Art Department.

Serving as Western District director was Dr. Patricia St. John, assistant professor, art department UMass.

Elementary art teacher Marjorie Sherman points out that the exhibit, which was open to all art educators, took place February 28th to March 22nd, in Borgia Gallery of Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee.

She explains that each teacher was permitted to submit six of their student's works.

Although nothing fragile was allowed, two and small three-dimensional pieces were acceptable as well as two-dimensional matted works.

All entries were placed on display and open to the public viewing Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As a highlight of the month-long event, an awards ceremony, which featured guest speaker and well-known artist Scott Prior, took place Friday, March 22nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Borgia Gallery.

Mrs. Sherman, who instructs at both Granger and Robinson Park Schools, submitted three works from students at each school.

Students whose work represented Granger School were: April Rapa, grade three; Melissa Donovan, grade 4; and Anthony Magnacca, grade five.

Those youngsters representing Robinson Park School were: Jonathan Jacobsen, grade one; Alexandra Page, grade two; and Benjamin Camyre, grade five.

Adelphi Training Program To Be Updated March 28th

On Thursday, March 28th, at 8:00 p.m., a presentation concerning the Adelphi Training Program will be held at Robinson Park School.

On March 23rd and 24th, 45 elementary and middle school level principals, teachers and parents from Agawam, will attend the Adelphi Training Program in Newport, Rhode Island.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of the outcome of this program for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse on the elementary and middle school levels.

A panel of speakers will discuss the long-term action plan that was presented to them earlier in the month. James Bruno, Superintendent of schools, will attend, detailing the overall district point of view. A question and answer period will follow.

Any parents of elementary or middle school level children are welcome to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

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Each week focuses on different living things: pond life, field life, forest life, and domestic animals. Crafts, stories, and games are included.

Leader for "Kids and Parents" will be Sandy Harris, volunteer and instructor of children's programs for Laughing Brook. Ms. Harris said that the emphasis is on learning together and activities that can be done at home.

"Kids and Parents" is open to the public. Preschoolers should be between the ages of 3 and 5.

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Mrs. Murphy's Chowder Brews For March 17th



STUDENTS AT ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL held their Annual St. Patrick's Day program on Thursday, March 14th, at the school cafeteria. (See related story, photos on Page 24). Here, asking the musical question, "Who Put The Overalls In Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?" were, from left - Peter Petell, Melissa Murphy, and Bill St. Peter. Over 100 parents, family members, and classmates attended the production. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"HAWAIIAN" TROOP 541 members are, from left -Carolyn Angelini, Lisa Magnacca, and Denise Campisi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"MEXICAN" members from Troop 544 are, from left - Sara Suffriti, Sharon Jacaprarro, and Aurelia Andreoli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Girls Scouts Hold "International Night"

All Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops of Agawam held an International Culture Night at the Polish American Club on Wednesday, March 13th.

Those troops participating included; "USA" Troop 61, leaders Debbie O'Grady and Sheryl McCombe, with a collage of "What America Means To Me;" "China" Troop 91, leaders Sue DiMare and Esther Nunn, with samples of homemade fortune cookies and a display of Chinese objects; "Hawaii" Troop 541, leaders Sandy Dubay and Sue Pettazzoni with an interesting collection of Hawaiian objects; "Mexico" Troop 544, leaders Sue Andreoli, Marge Borkosky and Janet Parslow with Mexican items and Pinatas; "Greece" Troop 545, leaders Marilyn Stefano and Karen Corbett with Greek cookies and a display of Greek objects.

"Spain" Troop 546, leaders Marie Lemaire and Carrie Ann Craig, with Spanish rice, a matador and bull demonstration, and a display of Spanish items; "Japan" Troop 547, leaders Margaret Bilodeau and Barbara Reseigne, with posters showing the work they did to earn their Japanese/American Culture Patch, and a sampling of KANTEN, a Japanese dessert; "France" Troop 548, leaders Elenoor Jean and Maryann Page, with a Statue of Liberty display and recitation of a French poem; "Italy" Troop 550, leaders Sue Godfrey and Carol Domaingue, with Italian objects and pasta.

Special thanks go to the Polish American Club for donating the hall and facilities; to the Agawam Lions Club for the donation of the ice cream; to the State Line company for the donation of potato chips (with the help of Troop 61); and to all the girls and leaders for their time and effort spent to make this event happen. Thanks to Troop 550 for the homemade salad dressing.

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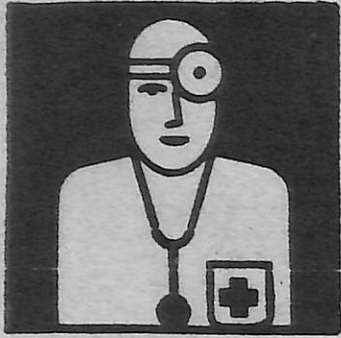


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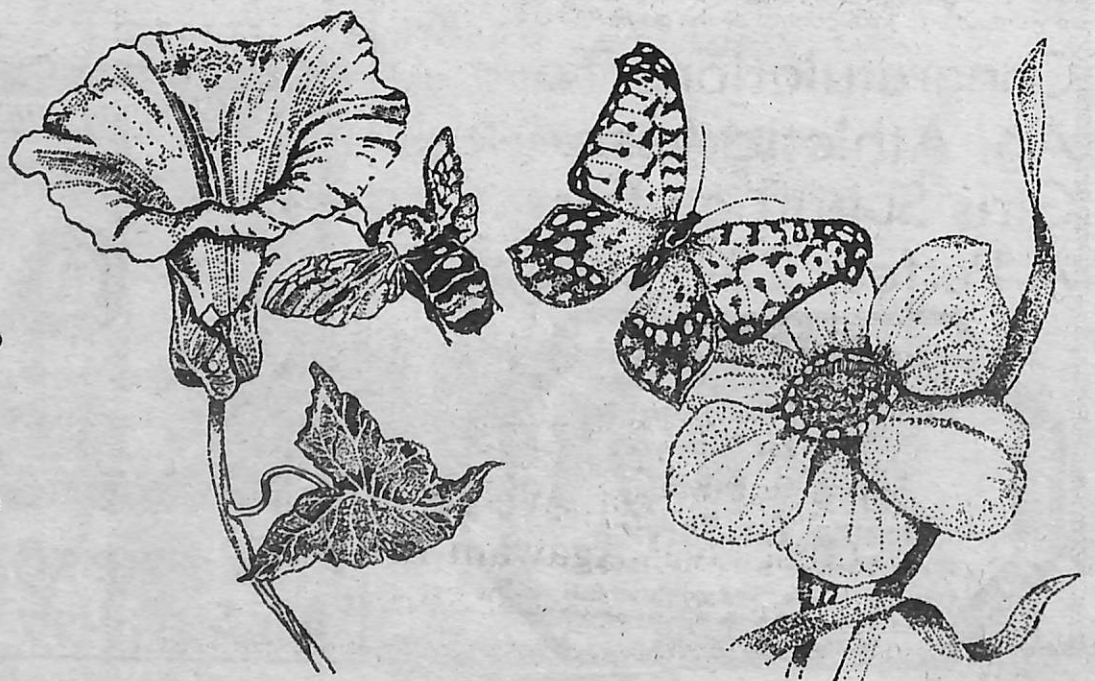
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Sports

AA Suburban Gals Win Tournament

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 7th-8th grade basketball team, in its first year of competition, has completed a brilliant 23-0 season by capturing a prestigious local tournament.

The AAA gals were the queens of the Annual Chicopee Invitational Tournament after defeating the host team, 32-28 in overtime on Friday, March 15th, in the championship contest.

The Agawam entry, coached by Bob Hersey and Mike Martin, had advanced to the finals by virtue of a 35-27 verdict over Brimfield, Connecticut, in the semifinals on Wednesday, March 13th.

The exciting championship match-up over Chicopee, a team that came in at 17-1, was even more impressive because the entire host team was comprised of the high school's ninth grade team. The Agawam squad fielded a starting five of three seventh graders and two eighth graders.

In the overtime session, Amy Fetherston powered in an offensive rebound and canned a clutch one-on-one situation from the foul line, while teammate Lori Desimone also converted on both ends of the one-on-one, accounting for all of Agawam's points.

Foul shooting proved to be one of Agawam's greatest attributes. Desimone canned 8-10 from the charity stripe.

The two teams, despite the age and experience advantage on Chicopee's side, played evenly throughout the game. Neither side was able to hammer-out any semblance of a real lead.

The Agawam quintet held leads of 4-3 and 10-9 after the first and second periods, respectively, thanks mainly to the offensive punch of Traci Trudel.

The third quarter saw the lead change hands several times, but the score remained deadlocked at 18-18 at its conclusion.

An aggressive, full-court man-to-man press, one of Agawam's most effective weapons this season, was responsible for keeping Chicopee in check throughout the game. Defense was especially provided by point guards Karen Patterson and Cathy Scaggs, as well as Jennifer Scaggs and Missy DesRosiers.

Desimone hit a pair of free throws with time running out in the fourth quarter, giving Agawam a 26-24 lead. The home folks then responded with a clutch bucket of their own to send the game into OT.

"Mike (Martin) and I are very proud of the way the girls played in the tournament. They showed why they went undefeated during the regular season," offered an ecstatic Hersey afterwards. "They more than held their own in the tournament even, even though they were one of the youngest teams."

Against a stubborn Brimfield team, Agawam maintained a lead throughout, but it wasn't until the third quarter that they established full control.

Offensive spark from Patterson, Desimone, Missy Brown, and Alana Graham lifted the locals to leads of 8-7 after the first quarter and 15-12 at halftime.

Meanwhile, Fetherston and Trudel totally dominated the offensive and defensive boards.

The same full-court press that propelled Agawam to victory in the championship game was just as effective vs. Brimfield. After three quarters, the constant pressure employed by the locals paved the way for a 25-17 lead. From there, they pushed the cruise control buttons and sailed to the semifinal victory!

Tricia Rea, a valuable member of the Agawam team, missed two tournament games due to illness.

"We got some strong team performances from everyone. It was a very unselfish effort on the girls' parts. They all did their jobs well. Brimfield kept the game close, but once we shut their high scorer down, we were able to take control of the game."

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COACHES AND ASSISTANT CAPTAINS pose for a photo at the Agawam High School Hockey Booster Club's Awards Banquet on Sunday, March 10th. From left - Joe Rondoletto, captain; coach Ed Drewnowski, Mike Santore, assistant captain; Peter Sibilia, assistant captain; Jerry Sibilia, assistant coach; and Mike Augusti, assistant captain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL hockey players, from left - Darrin Hill, Chris Shea, and Bob Barbarini, are pictured with Carlo Imelio, veteran sports writer for the Springfield Newspapers, and Bill Sapelli, the night's master of ceremonies. Sapelli is the former AHS varsity coach. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Ice Team Holds Banquet

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Polish American Club was the site of the Agawam High School ice hockey awards banquet held Sunday, March 10th, with approximately 110 friends, relatives and players in attendance.

Second-year coach Eddie Drewnowski's sextet felt the crunch of graduation as they finished 0-15-1. But, they were winners in other aspects, according to Drewnowski.

"What the kids got out of this season was more important than their win/loss record. I saw them improve from the first game until the last game. Their hard work

is going to help the hockey program a great deal next year," reflected Drewnowski.

A highlight of the banquet was a speech by guest speaker Carlo Imelio, a veteran sports writer for the Springfield Newspapers.

He, along with master of ceremonies Bill Sapelli, the former AHS coach, made it an enjoyable time for all, according to Drewnowski. Letters and certificates were awarded to all players, as well as plaques donated by the Agawam Hockey Booster Club, for the players' determination during the rough and tumble season.

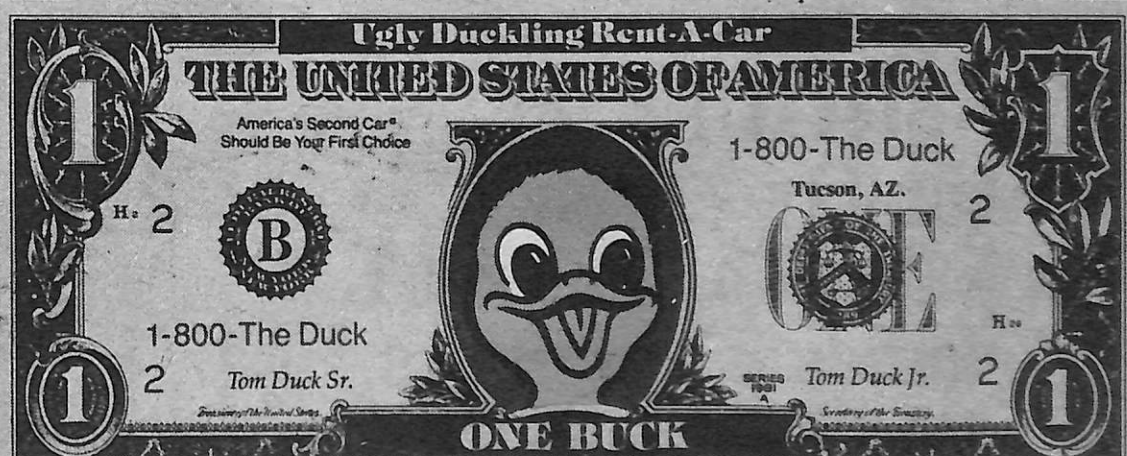
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AAA Holds League Hoop Championships

McCarthy Tile Rides Vanderhoof's Play To 10-12 Title

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

McCarthy Tile, the undefeated leader of the boys' 10-12 American Division of the Agawam Athletic Association, continued to dominate the circuit behind super guard Aaron Vanderhoof.

McCarthy Tile stopped the Agawam Police of the National Division in two straight games of the best of three series this past weekend.

McCarthy Tile, coached by Tom McElligott, finished 12-0 overall and was the only undefeated team in the AAA's town basketball program this winter.

Their series sweep of Agawam Police included two see-saw battles with McCarthy Tile prevailing, 37-32 in game one on Saturday, March 16th. In game two, McCarthy Tile held off a fourth quarter surge by the Police to earn a 30-21 victory on Sunday, March 17th.

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Christy's Plumbing Wins 8-10 Hoop

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Christy's Plumbing of the Agawam Athletic Association 8-10 boys' basketball league (American Division) swept past Curran Jones (National Division) in two straight games to capture the championship this past weekend.

In game one of the best of three series, Christy's, coached by Tom Gallagher, downed Curran Jones, 33-28 on Saturday, March 16th.

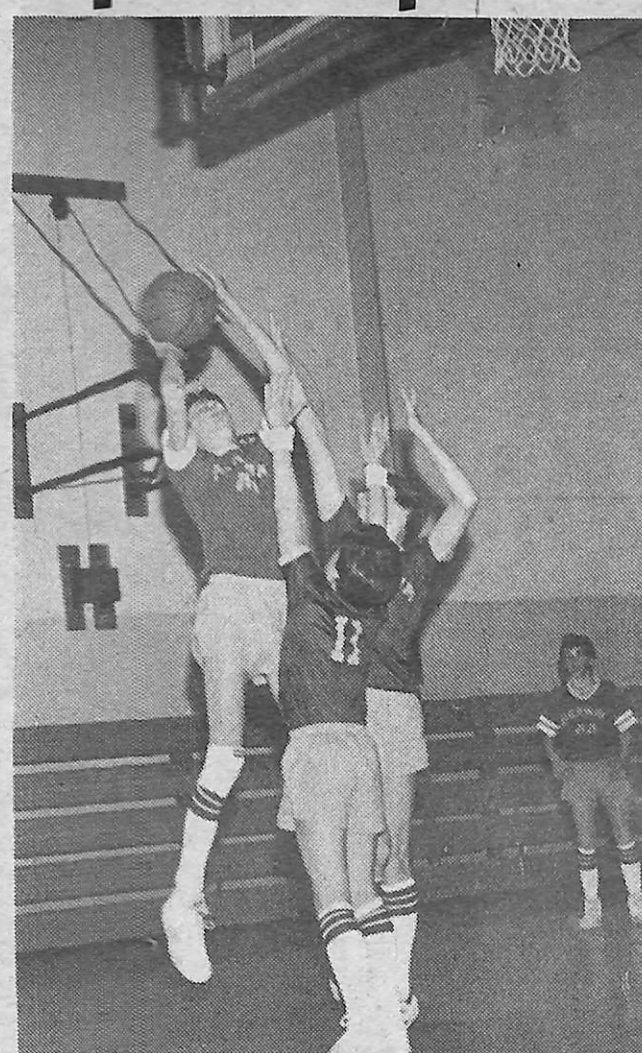
In game two on Sunday, March 17th, Christy's simply overpowered Curran Jones, 45-34.

The road to the championship jackets was not easy for Christy's. A three-way tie for first place in the American Division forced them to battle for the right to play the National Division leader. Christy's finished the regular season with an 8-1 record, as did Pioneer Valley Auto Parts and Provin Mountain Farms.

In the first playoff round, Christy's eliminated Pioneer Valley from competition with a 37-21 victory. In a best of three series vs. Provin Mountain Farms, it was excitement from start to finish.

This special playoff with Provin Mountain Farms was highlighted by outstanding offensive performances. In a losing effort, Provin Mountain's Dan LaBreck scored 96 points in the three games, while Christy's John Battista fired in a total of 76 points.

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PLAYERS FROM MCCARTHY TILE & Agawam Police battle under the boards during last weekend's 10-12 playoff championship, in the Agawam Athletic Association's winter league. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Aldrich Insurance Rules 13-15 League

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A tie for first place in the Agawam Athletic Association boys' 13-15 basketball league forced Aldrich Insurance Agency and Collins Construction to hit the hardwood to determine the league's bragging rights.

Aldrich Insurance and Collins Construction each finished with 9-1 regular season records. Each team defeated the other during the winter campaign.

In the best of three championship series, however, Aldrich Insurance earned top honors with a 54-48 triumph in game one on Saturday, March 16th, followed by a convincing, 63-49 win on Sunday, March 17th, for the clincher.

It was a battle of the league's two top scorers, according to Aldrich coach Carl Poole, when his team and Collins Construction met. Aldrich's Mike Dilullo and

Collins' scoring ace Jeff Peterson, each netted 30 points in game one.

The determining factor to the Aldrich victory, however, was team defense. Supporting Dilullo in the offensive category were Chris Ollari (11) and Paul Poole (10). Ricky Brown and Darrin Brown provided the smothering defense.

"Our kids never let up until the final whistle blew," offered Poole. "Point-for-point, Dilullo and Peterson matched up, but our defense was what won it for us. It really was quite an exciting game."

Collins was not without its supporting cast. Mark Lyne provided some good shooting from the outside and Jim McClean and Jim Anderson were strong under the glass.

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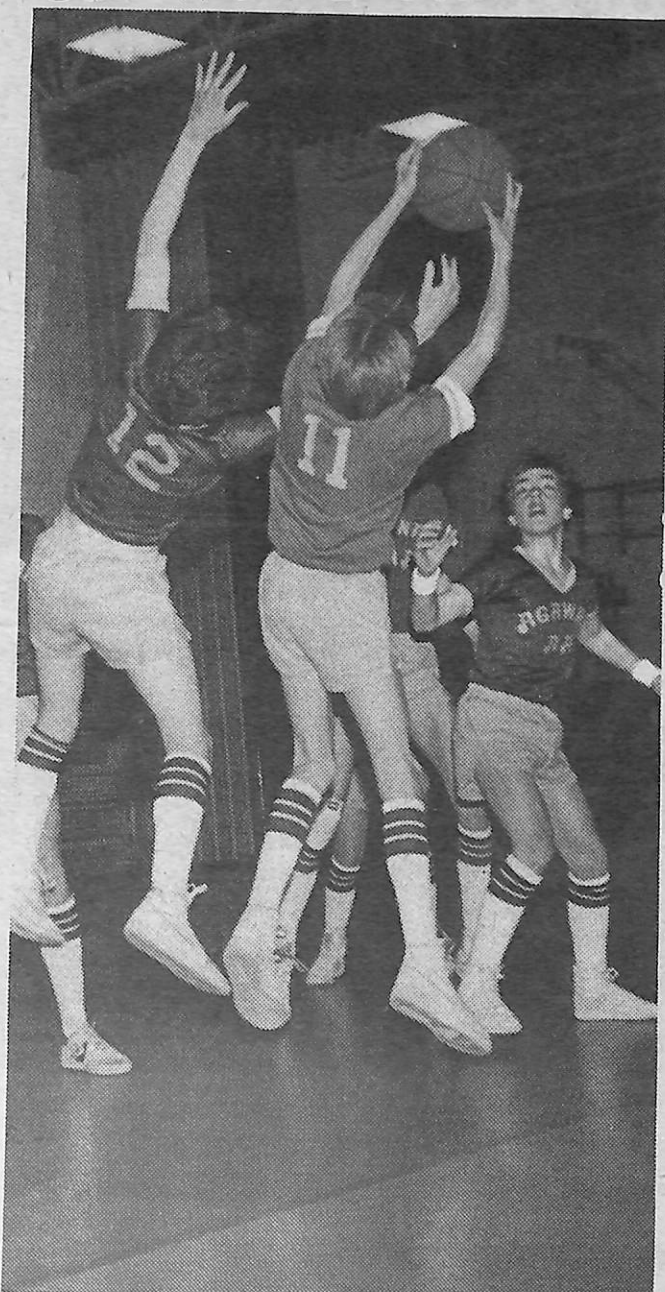


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UNDER THE GLASS, the play was fast and furious between McCarthy Tile and the Agawam Police. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

ALDRICH INSURANCE - From Page 29...

Game two was not as close as Aldrich Insurance started out of the gate on fire and quickly built a 30-15 halftime lead.

A more balanced scoring attack, led by John Serra's 17 points, also featured Poole with 16 and Dilullo with 12.

Defense was again a factor for the winners as Ricky Brown, Poole, and Ollari played well. Peterson still proved to be one of the league's premier players with 27 of the winners 49 team points.

Aldrich held a 20-point edge at the end of three quarters, thanks to good bench work from Daren Brown, Mark Lacienski, Scott Shroeder, and Mike Cleavel.

HOOP NOTES: Poole wished to express his thanks and appreciation to the association for a well-run and supervised championship series. He also praised the officiating efforts of Gene Hebert and Kevin Barnes in game one and Ken Barnes and John Ferris in game two.

CHRISTY'S PLUMBING - From Page 29...

Christy's took the first game, 52-49, but fell, 43-42 when LaBreck nailed the game-winner with 18 seconds left in game two.

In the third and deciding game, Christy's was up by 16 at halftime, but Provin Mountain proved its mettle by cutting the lead to two in the second half. Christy's hung-on for a 49-44 victory and the right to face Curran Jones in the championship.

Gallagher said the series with Provin Mountain Farms was exceptional. "That was one of the most exciting series I've ever seen. Both teams played very well but I think our overall team play made the difference."

Against Curran Jones, the high scoring efforts of John Battista, combined with solid defensive pressure, enabled Christy's to earn its bragging rights.

In game one, Battista, the point guard, canned 21 points, while teammate Kyle Nardi added 8, pacing Christy's to a 13-point halftime lead.

Three other of Christy's starters, center Brendon Gallagher, a terror under the boards, and forward Steve Moccio and John Vick added to Curran Jones' woes.

Play from reserves Dan Bodman, Brian Freeman, Bump Poole and Joshua Tudryn, also helped Christy's to the flag.

In game two, Curran Jones played a good game but it wasn't enough to stop the now red-hot Christy's club.

Battista and Moccio combined for 32 of the team's 45 total points, while Nardi, Gallagher, and Vick also chipped to halt Curran Jones.

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MCCARTHY TILE - From Page 29...

In game one, it wasn't until the end of the third quarter that McCarthy Tile felt it was in a position to win.

Behind the scoring punch of Vanderhoof (6), McCarthy took an 8-4 first quarter lead. Vanderhoof took game-scoring honors by burying 27 of the team's 37 points. Todd Hyland and Brett Boskiewicz each added a basket for the Police in the first quarter.

Agawam Police then rallied in the second quarter, sparked by better ball movement. They were able to tie the game at halftime, 16-16. Center Eric Fogg and Hyland led this surge by the Police.

The game remained close until the end of the third quarter when the efforts of center Joe Modzelewski and Vanderhoof broke the game open. Also, strong rebounding from Dan Sullivan and Mike Gravel, along with good play from Dave Pisano and Matt McClean, proved instrumental in McCarthy's go-ahead efforts.

In the fourth period, both team scored six points. The tell-tale third quarter, however gave McCarthy Tile a 31-26 lead.

Mike Wright (8) and Hyland (12) were the top scorers for Agawam Police.

In what McElligott termed the best defensive game of the season, McCarthy tile held Agawam Police to just two points in the third quarter en route to the nine-point victory.

More balanced scoring by McCarthy helped them maintain a slight edge in the first half. They were on top, 7-6 after the first quarter and 11-10 at halftime. Vanderhoof (13), Chris McElligott (6), and Mike Gravel (5) led the way.

In the third quarter, Bryan Connery's hoop was Agawam Police's only points. Defensive play from Modzelewski, Gravel, and the McElligott boys, Chris and Mike, along with the Pisano boys, Dave and Billy, helped to stop the well-known fastbreak attack of the Police.

Wright netted 4 of the first five points for Agawam Police in the fourth quarter to deadlock the score at 17-17.

Then the McElligott brothers scored consecutive baskets to put McCarthy Tile up for good.

Agawam Police was led offensively by Fogg (8), and Hyland, Connery, and Wright, all with 4 points each. Reserve players Anthony Maloni and Patrick Astafarro added strength to the Police efforts.

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Abbett Tax Wins 11-13



ALANA GRAHAM (7) receives a pass from one of the famous Scaggs sisters in 11-13 girls' championship play in the AAA last weekend. Both girls play for Abbett Tax. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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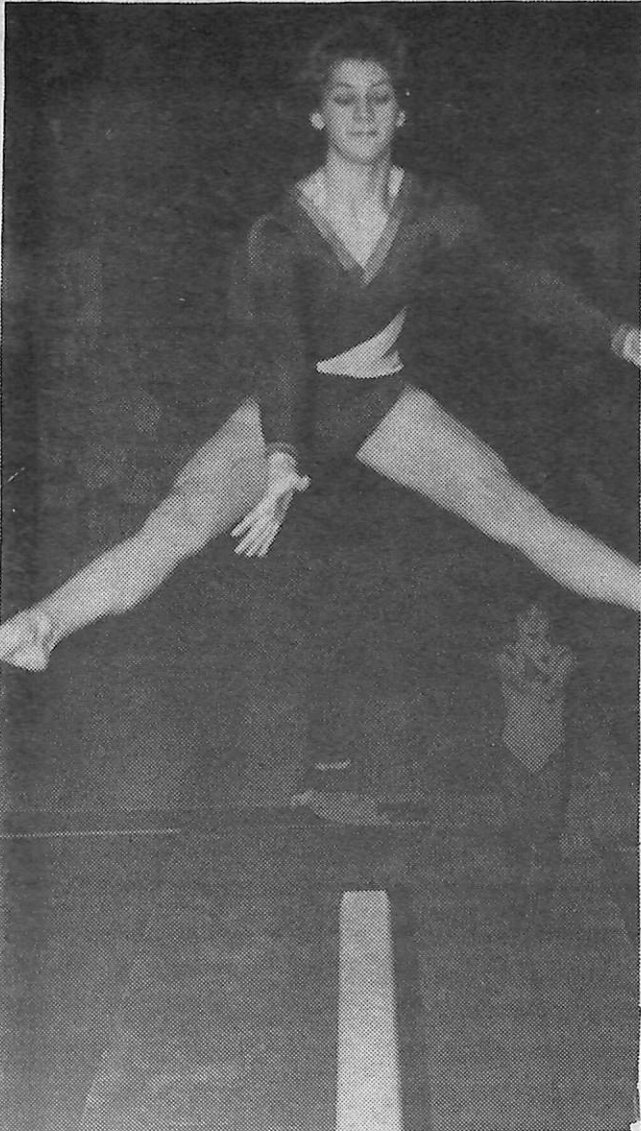
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AGAWAM'S KATHY MCCARTHY, 14, will be competing in the USGF State Team & Individual Gymnastic Championships on March 23rd and 24th.

Ken Johnson Looks To Riverside Speedway For More Success

Riverside Park Speedway's promotional department made a commitment to try and give every competitor in the Nascar Winston Racing Series equal billing in the successful race program.

In keeping with that, the department has given the media and fans the opportunity to know the history of the frontrunners as well as the hardships of competitors who work as a team for such success. Kenny Johnson and the Johnson Race Team are such a team in the history and success of any race facility.

Ken Johnson of Agawam, was the 1983 Riverside Park Speedway "Rookie of the Year" in the Nascar Modifieds. During the course of that season, Kenny ran consistently in the top 15 with a car that was listed as a contender in 340 Bonus competition.

Kenny first got started in the sport as a car owner and builder of one of the most colorful competitors in the history of Riverside Figure 8's, a car driven by Custer Axiotis. His accomplishments as a car owner include second in the Riverside points and a track championship at the Hudson Speedway.

As a family, the Johnsons have been associated with the sport for several years. Kenny's dad, Andy, was a veteran modified driver for several years. Andy started racing in 1949 and competed at such tracks as Riverside, Stafford, Monadnock, and Lebanon Valley.

Andy last competed in 1972 with a top five finish at Monadnock. In addition to this, Ken's brother, Andy Jr., is a pit member and fabricator who works with Pete Fiandaca.

The Johnson family has built cars for competitors like Gary Fiormonti, Paul Suprenant, Dave Laporte and Wright Pearson. For the 1984 season, the Johnsons have relocated their fabricating efforts at Marty's Speed Shop and are fabricating several pro stocks and modifieds. Among the new cars purchased are a pro stock for Dennis Gagliardi and Roger Fujimoto.

As for Kenny Johnson, he will have a new Nascar Modified and has set his sights on the racing and top five finishes at Riverside Park Speedway. His new car will be of the latest Johnson design and will be in search of additional sponsorship. His crew will once again be Lenny Flanders, Bob Morrise, Rich Haupt, and the family.

Ken Johnson has not yet won an event, but he is a perfect example of the new breed of competitor that competes in today's Nascar Modified racing at Riverside Speedway.

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Kathy McCarthy In USGF State Gym Meet

On Saturday and Sunday, March 23rd and 24th, the USGF State Team and Individual Championship, including Kathy McCarthy, 14, of Agawam, will be held at the Pioneer Gymnastic School, 45 Maple Street, East Longmeadow.

The all-around event will be contested in the 12 to 14 and 15 and over age groups. Compulsory competition will be judged on Saturday and optionals on Sunday.

On both days, meet time will be at 10:30 a.m., starting with the 12 to 14 age group in the morning session. The 15 and over age group will compete in the afternoon session at 1:00 p.m.

To become eligible to compete in the USGF State Championship meet, a qualifying score of 64.00 points had to be obtained in the combined compulsory - optional and all-around events. This was achieved

through the various USGF Advanced Sectional Qualifying meets that were held in the earlier part of the year.

A total of 45 advanced competitors will be at the meet and will compete for the State Championship and to qualify for the Regional Championships. A total of 15 teams will be going up for the Team Championships at the East Longmeadow meet.

A gymnast scoring 68.00 points will qualify her for the Regionals to be held April 13th and 14th in Albany, New York. From the Regional Meet, a gymnast must obtain a score of 68.80 points to advance her to the USA/National Championships to be held in the early part of May.

Team and individual awards, as well as the Regional qualifiers will be announced at the end of the second session on Sunday, March 24th.

Springfield College Hosts Gymnastics Finals March 29th-30th

Thirty teams have been selected for Regional competition in NCAA Division II Women's Gymnastics, announced NCAA chairwoman Cheryl Raymone, the head coach at Springfield College, but only eight will advance to the National Championships at Springfield's Blake Arena from March 29th-30th.

The regional competition will be held this weekend at five sites, with the regional winners and three at-large teams advancing to the championships. Also competing in Springfield will be the nation's top eight all-around performers who are not from a qualifying team, and all individual event winners at the regionals who score a 9.0 or better.

The fourth Annual NCAA Division II Women's Championships will feature team and all-around com-

petition on Friday night (7:00 p.m.), March 29th, and individual event finals on Saturday (7:00 p.m.), March 30th.

Tickets are now on sale at the Springfield College Athletic Office (788-3358) and at both Murphy's Sporting Goods locations - Sumner Avenue in Springfield and Center Street in Chicopee. All seats are reserved only and the cost is \$4 for Friday night; \$5, Saturday; and \$8, for both sessions.

Springfield College will be hosting the event for the third time in its four-year history, having held combined men's and women's championships last year and in 1982, when the NCAA began sponsoring championships for women.



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St. Louis Continues To Hold First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

Round Two winners St. Louis (10 wins), on the strength of good momentum and strong rolling, continue to prove they're a force to be reckoned with after three weeks of rolling in Round Three of the weekly Tri-Parish Bowling League.

St. Lou dropped last place Catholic University (2 wins), three wins to one, to stay on top. Winning for St. Lou were JOHN MLINEK (288) and RENEE JURY (322). Renee's victory over JEAN BUONICONTI (278) proved to be the key. RAY BARBIERI of CU just nipped FELIX PEPPER in a fine match, 313-308. In a real family battle, CU captain JIM SNYDER (354) says his buried his sister, St Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (323), real well. However, it was Debbie's team who won the match. So, Jim could only console himself and his team's last place standings in the fact he did outroll his sister.

Second place Boston College (9 wins) rocked St. Mary (10th place-3 wins), three wins to one. BC winners were DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (270), PAUL DEZIELLE (307), and MICHAEL O'CONNELL (309). In a battle of the league premier roller, BC captain BOBBY MOC-CIO, and very tough St. Mary captain FRED MONTESSI, the veteran (Fred) got the best of Bobby, 319-317. Despite this, Bobby's team was just too strong. Rolling well in a losing effort was GAIL BLAIR (303).

Last year's grand champions, St. Anselm (third place-8 wins), blasted Fordham (7th place-6 wins), four wins to none. This was a crucial blow to Fordham, who hoped to stay around as a top contender for this round.

Starring for St. A's were the mother-son combination of VENETTA SNYDER (295) and RICHIE SNYDER (351). Both proved to be far superior to their opponents, and Richie really needed to be as his foe, STEVE DEVANEY, fired a 328 in a losing effort. VI MASSOIA, the St. A's captain, barely stopped Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL, 290-285. Ann needed to really smash Vi in order for her team to stop the four-game sweep.

Fourth place Loyola (8 wins) and ninth place Notre Dame (4 wins) split, two wins each. Winners for Loyola were DANA MARQUIS (295) and BRENDA HAMEL (292). The savior for ND was captain BILLY COLSON (336). ND substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS hit a 303.

Fifth place Georgetown (7 wins) took three wins from St. Michael (6th place-7 wins) in another key matchup. G-Town was led by always trying TONY DEPALO, who fired a two-season high of 354. He completely annihilated JANICE MOCCIO by 93 pins (261). It was a good thing, too, because G-Town captain AL "The Fearsome One" purred and sputtered while being sunk by MICHAEL O'CONNELL (342), the St. Mike's captain. Other St. Mike's winners were PAULINE DEPALO (298) and STEP STEPANIAN (293).

Both of these individual wins, however, were not nearly enough to offset Tony DePalo's big night. Now, Tony has something to brag about again other than his night of glory two years ago.

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Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

A Hot Time In Boston

On Monday, March 25th, over 3,000 Massachusetts gun owners and civil libertarians will meet on the steps of the State House for a Fair Licensing Rally.

The Hampden County Council of Sportsmen have made bus transportation available to gun owners in Hampden County. Similar efforts are being done in other counties. As of March 1st, over 3,000 will be attending the rally. No doubt, more disturbed gun owners will be attending via other transportation.

Not since handgun-banning Referendum Question 5 in 1976 has there been such a challenge to Massachusetts' 1.9 million law-abiding citizens' right to own and use firearms; nor has there been such a show of strength in response to that challenge.

The rally will begin at 9:00 a.m. and be followed by the Public Safety Committee's Gun Hearings, and annual public hearing where nearly all legislative proposals regarding the firearms are heard and testimony is taken. To accommodate the crowd, the Public Safety Committee of the Massachusetts General Court has moved the site of the 1985 Gun Hearings to Gardner Auditorium.

Turkey Permits Issued

All of the applicants who submitted properly completed applications for turkey hunting permits were granted them on March 5th and 6th.

Up to 3,800 permits were to be available for each of two hunting segments, bringing the total number of possible permits to 7,600. In fact, a total of 5,770 applications were received. Some 3,467 will prefer to hunt during the first segment, scheduled for May 6th to 11th, and 2,550 expressed a preference for the second season, which is a longer segment. This will run from May 13th to May 25th.

It is estimated that 350-400 applicants will succeed in bagging birds. The success ratio of turkey hunters is between six and seven percent. The population, estimated at 5,000 plus birds, could easily withstand removal of 25% or more.

Leaded Gas Ban Concern For Boat Owners

Leaded gasoline phase-out will be quick but somewhat painful for certain boat owners as a result of final rules issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 4th.

Following its most stringent proposals of last July, the EPA directed that lead content of gas be reduced to 0.5 grams per gallon this July 1st, to 0.1 grams by January 1st, 1986, and, be completely eliminated by 1988.

Call for the elimination came following studies which link lead to mental retardation in children and circulatory problems in adult males.

For the boat user, however, lead phase-out may cause concern. Most engines, especially older models, were designed to operate on leaded fuel. The lead boosts the energy content of gasoline and helps lubricate valves and other internal engine components. Refiners most often replace lead with alcohol additives to boost octane, but have not yet developed acceptable additives to provide lubrication.

As a result, older engines operating on no-lead fuels may deteriorate more rapidly.

Sources in the marine manufacturing community have predicted that the problem associated with marine fuel hoses and storage units is well on the way to solution; some say new products will be available by this fall to be compatible with alcohol-blended fuels.

More information, including suggestions to users of older engines, will be forthcoming as the industry turns to beating the lead phase-out timetable which is now in place.

A reminder: walleye fishing in Lake Champlain is closed. Previous to this year, spring spawning walleyes were given protection in the northeastern section.

This year, the whole lake is closed from March 15th to the first Saturday in May, identical to the season on the New York side of the lake.

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SESSION: April 8th to June 3rd (8 weeks). No program May 27th.

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A."

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per person, no refunds.

INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND SWIM:

This program offers informal recreational volleyball and a free swim.

SESSION: April 8th to June 3rd (8 weeks). No program May 27th.

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B."

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per person, no refunds.

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This program is a blend of exercise and dance. It firms and tones the body, exercises the heart and

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INSTRUCTOR: Debbie Tracy and staff.

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open to the public for general swim. It is recommended that you leave NO VALUABLES in the locker room or the pool area. Life guards will be on duty at all times. The pool is open to both youths and adults.

SESSION: April 1st to June 3rd, 1985. No program May 27th, 1985.

TIME: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

PADI SCUBA DIVING LESSONS:

Scuba diving is adventurous, fun and relaxing. Upon completion of this course, there will be open water dives in New London, Connecticut. Class limit will be 20 students. Diving equipment is available on a rental basis. For further information call Carl Grzebien at

736-7411.

SESSION: April 23rd, 25th, 30th, May 2nd, 7th, 9th, six lessons.

TIME: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Pool.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80.00 per person.

INSTRUCTOR: Carl Grzebien and P.A.D.I. staff.

YOUTH INSTRUCTIONAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

SESSION: April 10th to May 29th (8 weeks).

TIME: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Middle School - small gym.

Enter right front door.

REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office. Hours 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per student, no refunds.

INSTRUCTOR: Gary Geiger and staff.

This instructional wrestling program is new. The basics in wrestling will be taught by Gary Geiger, J.V. coach at the high school. It is open to all Agawam youths in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. There will be a limit of 30 students. Registrations will be on a first come basis.

VIP Season Ticket Available At Riverside Speedway

Riverside Park Speedway management cannot believe the amount of response in favor of the Special 1985 Executive VIP Season Ticket for the 1985 Nascar Winston Racing Series at the park. This special offer, announced just two weeks before Christmas, drew the largest advance sale in the history of the speedway. Part of the reason for the success is the season ticket's "Rain-Out Guarantee."

It states that any season ticket holder will be eligible for a cash return bonus on all rain-outs. Plus, the VIP holder will receive free VIP parking for just showing his VIP Card. In addition to this, the VIP card can be used by a friend and allows you as a holder to sit in the VIP area.

The Executive VIP season pass is priced at only \$125 and is honored at all Nascar Winston Racing Series events. The ticket is based on 16 regular events, six special events, plus any additional events that might be added to the schedule.

This special offer is based on 260 VIP seats in the 7,500 regular grandstand seats. So act today as this special plan is a limited offer and will be good only until the third event of the 1985 season. For additional information, a free schedule and more, write to Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, attention Gina.

Riverside Park Speedway will open its 1985 Nascar Winston Racing season on April 6th, for the Eagle Snacks 100. Gates for the fans open at 5:00 p.m., with racing at 7:00 p.m. The price for all events at Riverside is just \$5.95 for adults, and 95 cents for children 8 and under.

Agawam Parks & Rec. Dept. Again Has Over 40 Softball

The "Oldies" 40 and over softball league held its first organizational meeting Monday evening, March 11th. All four teams from last year's league were represented.

Any person or team interested in joining this Sunday morning league, is requested to call the Parks and Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 238 or League Commissioner Vito Depalo at 732-0809.

All games will be played on Sunday morning at the high school beginning on May 12th. League directors are Phil Vecchiarelli, Dave Cleavall, Dick Dilullo, and George Noonan.

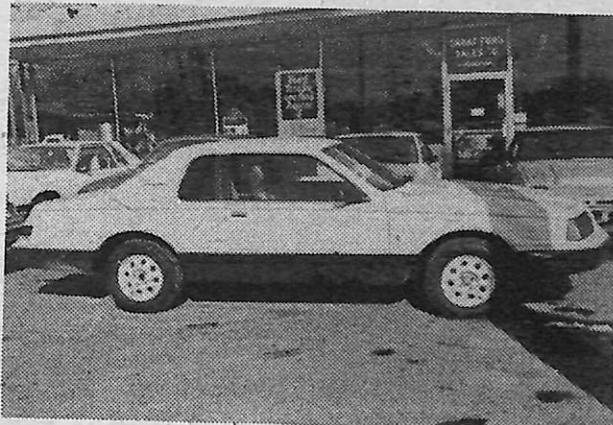
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Villanova (8th place-5 wins), the Round One winners, dumped on lowly Holy Cross (11th place-3 wins). Poor HC. They have just had a terrible year. One bright bulb for HC is "Miss Consistent", MAYBETH COUGHLIN. She rolled a 286 to defeat our famous jewelry man, RON HAMEL (275). Ron didn't seem relaxed. He's trying to get his average of the 100 mark and was quite tense.

The big Villanova winner was ERNIE BLAIR with a 310 to 251 pasting of JOE CALABRAISE. HC captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY hit a 310 in defeating Villanova captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (298). Frankie let out a good sigh of relief after this one. He just wants his team to get on a roll for the upcoming playoffs. Frankie and his team have truly been on a downward slide since winning the first round - in a very dubious way, we may add!

For coverage of a local sports event, call us at 786-7747 - ask for Judy

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 28, 1985, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, to hear the petition of the Town of Agawam - Department of Public Works, to perform work subject to the act in accordance with General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, on Phase II of the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: March 21st, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 4, 1985, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing will be to hear the petition of George & Green, Worthington Brooke Estates, Definitive Plan.
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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